

Fifty Reform Rabbis Picket British Consulate In Chicago

Special
CHICAGO—Marching on the British consulate, fifty Reform rabbis staged an unprecedented demonstration here to protest against mass arrest of Jews in Palestine and "other acts of violence and terror by the British tantamount to war."

The rabbis, including many leading figures in the Central Conference of American Rabbis and several former chaplains, attracted a large crowd as they picketed the consul offices on Michigan avenue about midnight Saturday. They had just left the closing session of the annual convention of the Conference which had condemned the "unconscionable arrest" of Jewish Agency officers and thousands of other Jews.

Placards carried by the rabbis read: "Jewish Chaplains Protest," "Friends of Democracy Jailed by Gestapo Tactics—Release Them," "Hitler Comes to Palestine," and "Imperialistic Brutality Must End." It was said to be the first time members of the Central Conference (Reform) had picketed or demonstrated in such fashion as a group.

Rabbi David Philipson of Cincinnati, 84-year-old dean of the American Reform rabbinate and in the past a consistent anti-Zionist, received an ovation when he associated himself with the resolution terming the latest British action as "tantamount to the inauguration of war."

In a moving speech, Rabbi Philipson suggested that the resolution be presented to President Truman by a delegation and offered to serve on the delegation. Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of Hebrew Union College, had seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Polish Anti-Semites Murder War Veteran

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
WARSAW—Eliaz Lipszowicz, a former non-commissioned officer in the Polish army, who fought the Germans for five years as a partisan, was killed this week at Lignica, in Lower Silesia, by anti-government bandits.

Brandeis Biography Written

Alpheus Thomas Mason, professor of Political science at Princeton, has written a biography on Louis D. Brandeis, which will be published by Viking in September. Professor Mason has been working on "Brandeis: A Free Man's Life" for nearly 15 years.

BRITISH CONSULATE PICKETING RESULTS IN FIGHT, ARRESTS

Special
PHILADELPHIA—Two pickets and two building employees were arrested here when mass picketing of the British Consulate resulted in a fight.

The demonstration was sponsored by the Philadelphia Council of the American Jewish Congress. Trade unions and other groups participated in the protest against "anti-Semitic" statements made by Ernest Bevin, Britain's foreign minister, recently.

Approves Picketing



RABBI PHILIPSON

Truman Regrets Raids; Still for 100,000 Visas

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
WASHINGTON—President Truman expressed regret at the recent developments in Palestine and his determination that the recent events should mean no delay in the transfer of 100,000 Jews to Palestine during a conference with Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Nahum Goldmann, Louis Lipsky and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

The President informed the delegation that the government of the United States had not been consulted on the recent raids by the British government, and expressed confidence that the arrested leaders of the Jewish community in Palestine would soon be released.

The President also indicated that the U. S. government is prepared to assume the technical and financial responsibilities for the transportation of immigrants from Europe to Palestine.

Meanwhile, Dean Acheson, undersecretary of state, said that experts of the State and War Departments who returned from London where they discussed technical questions in connection with the transfer of 100,000 DPs, reported progress. He added that the U. S. government has not protested to Britain regarding the British raids on Jewish settlements in Palestine.

After the fight police reduced the picket line from 50 to five.

Signs carried by the pickets urged Britain withdraw her troops that neither Jews nor Arabs wanted them. Slogans for a free and independent Palestine were also carried.

A spokesman at the office of the Philadelphia Council of the American Jewish Congress said that the Zionist group were invited to participate but had turned down the offer. Zionists, however, participated individually.

Mrs. Rose Bender, executive director of the ZOA, admitted that they received the invitation but said that the Congress action was planned hastily and that they were not notified until 48 hours before the picketing was to take place. She pointed out that the local Zionist Emergency Council, which includes ZOA, Hadassah, Mizrahi and Labor Zionists would have to call a board meeting and if approved locally would still have to get national approval.

Probe of Quotas Sought For New York Colleges

Special
NEW YORK—An investigation by the Board of Regents into racial and religious discrimination in institutions of higher learning was recommended by the New York City Mayor's Committee on Unity.

The committee, stated there could be no doubt that such discrimination was practiced by higher education institutions in New York and elsewhere, usually through some form of quota system.

Protest Rally Held in New York

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—A protest meeting held here Tuesday against the Palestine arrests attended by thousands heard speakers including Rep. Emanuel Celler, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Louis Hollander, president of the New York State C.I.O., and Mrs. Moses P. Epstein.

Jews Tortured; Horrors Told

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JERUSALEM—The Athlit clearance camp where thousands of legal and illegal immigrants have been housed in recent years has been turned into a huge concentration camp where hundreds of Jews arrested since Saturday are being subjected to inhuman tortures according to reliable information obtained here.

A "special squad" of investigators was sent to Athlit from Jerusalem to interrogate prisoners. In order to "soften up" the prisoners, investigators first beat them with a variety of weapons and then made them stand for hours with rocks tied under their arms. In some cases they were struck in their genitals. The questioning begins when investigators believe the victims are sufficiently weakened.

Many detainees were reported so badly beaten as to remain invalids for the rest of their lives. Among the most seriously wounded is Berl Repetur, Haifa labor leader and director of Solel Boneh who was praised by the British for military bases he built during the war in Palestine and neighboring countries.

Ask JTA To Inform World

Residents of neighboring villages heard the cries for help but were unable to assist because Athlit is heavily guarded.

The Histadruth Central Committee appealed to the J.T.A. to inform Jews abroad concerning Athlit and "wake up public opinion abroad."

Rabbi Judah Fishman yielded to appeals of Jewish leaders and called off his hunger strike on the fourth day. He was greatly weakened from lack of food and the beating administered when he was arrested Saturday. He was moved to the Hadassah hospital where he is under the care of Professor Bernard Zondek.

The first prominent Jewish leader who was arrested Saturday was released Wednesday. He was David Barravhai, vice chairman of the Haifa Kehilla.

Discuss Non Cooperation Campaign

The staff of the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi conferred Wednesday reportedly concerning a non-cooperation campaign. Emil Schmorak and Eliahu Dobkin, agency members who are still at large, established headquarters somewhere in Jerusalem, keeping in touch with the agency staff.

It is reported that over fifty Jews who survived the Belsen and Buchenwald concentration camps and who had founded "Buchenwald" village on the southern shore of Galilee Sea were detained in the search of their village.

It is understood that among the documents seized in the Jewish Agency building are Herzl's diary and also the manuscript of "Judenstaat."

Security officers at British headquarters in Jerusalem are investigating the discovery of "top secret" British army documents in the agency headquarters which they allege were found during the search of the agency files.

GLENCOE CITIZENS OFFER \$250 AS TEMPLE ISRAEL DEFACED

By EDWARD EULENBERG

Jewish Post Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO—Aroused by the recent smearing of a red painted swastika and anti-Semitic obscenities on the doors and walls of the fashionable North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, North Shore suburb of Chicago, residents of the community have offered a \$250 reward for arrest and conviction of the vandals.

"The attack has galvanized the community into action," declared Rabbi Charles E. Shulman, spiritual leader of the Reform Congregation. "An attack on a synagogue is an attack on every church—an attack upon everything America holds dear. These are the methods of European Fascists."

The reward was offered by a committee of North Shore suburban citizens, including most of those who several months ago held a mass meeting to protest Eugene Flitcraft's use of anti-

Semitic propaganda in his campaign for Congress.

To Use Newspaper Ads

Advertisements carrying notice of the reward have been scheduled for newspapers in several North Shore communities, Rabbi Shulman said.

A second advertisement is planned to follow the reward notice, carrying a resolution of indignation signed by a committee of 100 leading citizens of Glencoe.

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LABOR ZIONISTS CLOSE ON HEELS OF Z. O. A. IN EARLY RETURNS

Special
NEW YORK—Early scattered returns in the elections for delegates to the world Zionist Congress show the Labor Zionist (Poale Zion) revealing surprising strength to roll up a vote of 23,000 as against the Zionist Organization of America's 24,000. Hadassah was in third place with 17,000 votes.

The first returns were from large cities where the Labor Zionist were expected to show considerable strength.

The figures do not include the New York results,

which according to inside information show the Z.O.A. slightly ahead, and Hadassah swamped. Since New York is the Poale Zion stronghold, Zionist leaders are considerably heartened by the New York picture.

In Los Angeles, the J.O.A. slate was swamped, with the Poale Zion polling five votes for every Z.O.A. vote.

Mizrachi was behind Hadassah with 11,000 votes and the Revisionists had polled only about 1,000.

It was explained that all the figures above had not been verified. They had been gathered by Jewish Post correspondents throughout the country.

The voting throughout the United States was disappointingly small. It is expected here that not more than 150,000 votes will be polled all over the country, it that many.

Included in the above figures are returns from Chicago and Philadelphia.

Cunningham Says He May Raze Jewish Villages and Cities; United States Zionist Leaders Say They'll Fly To Palestine

Rabbi Fishman Beaten Refusing To Enter Automobile on Sabbath

NEW YORK—The American members of the Jewish Agency for Palestine have announced that they have decided to proceed to Palestine.

In a statement issued here Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Louis Lipsky said:

"Convinced that the charges of the Palestine Government that the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been involved in acts of violence are false and without foundation, the American members of the executive declare equal responsibilities and full solidarity with their colleagues in Palestine. American members of the executive have resolved to proceed to Palestine and immediate action is being taken to obtain the necessary facilities."

At the same time, the Agency members sent the following cable to Dr. Chaim Weizmann: "Members Zionist Executive here greatly aroused and deeply concerned arrest their colleagues convey to you and to them heartfelt solidarity in this supreme trial. We are deeply convinced Yishuv and Zionist movement will emerge triumphantly from this cruel test."

By BERL CORALNIK

Jewish Telegraphic Agency Correspondent

JERUSALEM—Tension in Palestine remained at fever pitch as what an official communique described as "the first phase of operations to restore law and order in Palestine" neared completion.

Although all reports from raided settlements are not yet in, since the country's communications were disrupted by the military authorities to facilitate their operations, the death toll at the moment is five Jews and one Briton, with about 2,000 Jews, including ranking members of the Jewish Agency executive under arrest.

It was learned that Dr. Chaim Weizmann during discussions with High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham threatened to resign if the arrested members of the Jewish Agency are not released immediately.

Cunningham is said to have replied: "But you can choose other colleagues and advisers, for instance, Mayor Rokach." To this, Weizmann retorted: "Then I must decline any responsibility, be-

Board Of British Deputies Shocked

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—Speaking as "British citizens," the Board of Deputies of British Jews has adopted a resolution which said that the arrest of members of the Jewish Agency executive was "a shock beyond anything that Jewry could have anticipated from a British Government."

cause this suggestion only aggravates the situation." Cunningham then threatened to level Jewish cities and settlements, if necessary, in order to crush terrorism.

(A dispatch received from a JTA correspondent in London quoted a well-informed Palestine source as declaring that British strategy in Palestine is aimed at splitting the Jewish Agency by creating differences between the so-called left and right wing factions. This source pointed out that all of those arrested are either laborites or pro-labor. He cited Cunningham's suggestion to Weizmann as an example of these "futile tactics.")

Haganah Asks Jews To Stand By For Action

It was pointed out here that the second, third and fourth "shadow commands" of the Agency are already operating, so that arrest of the Agency leaders will not paralyze Jewish activities.

The stunned Jewish community, which was taken by surprise by the vastness of the week-end operations, despite the fact that they had been predicted almost exactly in a broadcast over the secret Haganah radio, "Voice of Israel," on June 16 began to rally its forces.

The Haganah radio asked all Jews to stand by for orders, stating, "Britain has declared war upon the Jewish community and we will return it." An earlier broadcast by the "Voice of Israel" was unintelligible as a result of jamming by government stations.

Troops Fire On Jewish Crowd, Injuring 5

In Haifa, where the curfew was lifted early Sunday, it was reimposed after thousands of Jews who thronged the Jewish quarter of the city to protest the seizure of the Jewish Agency headquarters and the mass arrests clashed with British troops who shot into the crowd, wounding five, three seriously, including one child. Jewish shops throughout the city were closed and traffic was at a virtual standstill.

Crack machinegun crews were still deployed around the Agency building in Jerusalem covering every approach. Other troops were stationed inside. Near the building the authorities have set up a command post which is directing all operations in this city.

The Tel Aviv municipal council met under the chairmanship of Dr. Weizmann, with mayors of other cities and heads of local councils attending. They issued a statement appealing to the Jewish community to remain calm and await instructions from Jewish leaders and the Zionist movement.

Rabbi Fishman Won't Desecrate Sabbath, Beaten

Censorship of outgoing cables has ended, allowing the Jerusalem JTA office to file a story which the censor killed reporting that Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, acting chairman of the Agency executive, was beaten by soldiers who came to arrest him, when he protested against entering a car on Saturday. He was struck in the head.

According to a report from Latrun, where Fishman and others of the Agency heads are confined, the 71-year-old rabbi has gone on a hunger strike to protest his arrest and the violation of his religious tenets.

According to an official communique the following are among the prominent leaders of the community who are being held: Rabbi Fishman, Meir Shertok, Dr. Bernard Joseph, Itzhak Gruenbaum

and David Remez. It was reported that Rabbi Meir Berlin, world president of the Mizrahi organization, had also been seized, but he was not mentioned in the communique.

The communique praised the great "restraint shown by British soldiers and said in only a few cases had it been necessary to use firearms. It said that three Jews were killed and thirteen hospitalized, although according to Jewish sources five were killed, and scores wounded.

U. S. War Vet, Student in Palestine, Arrested

Among those arrested during the raids on numerous colonies was a former U. S. Army Air Force flyer, Henry Z. Stein, who flew 26 missions over Berlin. Stein, who is a student at the Haifa Institute of Technology, was visiting his sister at the colony of Shaar Haamakim, near Haifa, when the troops arrived. He was invited to act as an interpreter, but when the raid was over he was also arrested.

Another victim was Meir Yaari, the leader of the Hashomer Hazair, and one of the firmest opponents of terrorism and violence. He was seized in Tel Aviv and is now in the Latrun prison.

Many settlements face severe difficulties because almost all their able-bodied men were arrested. Those which were hardest hit include Sarid, where all the male settlers were detained; Dagan, all males; Naan, 231 men, and Misra, 84.

At Naan, 23 colonists were wounded, ten seriously, when troops forced their way into the settlement, after rejecting a request by the mukhtar that they wait until all the residents had returned to their cottages and then check their identification documents there. They arrested 231 men, including four youngsters from a nearby summer camp, leaving only 37 males, twelve of whom were ill.

Soldiers armed with clubs quelled resistance at Ramat Rachel, two miles south of Jerusalem, while at Yagour, near Haifa, tear gas was used. At Yagour 20 rifles and 30,000 rounds of ammunition are reported to have been discovered. At Ein Harod, in the north, one Jew was killed and two injured when a truck attempted to force a road-block. Searches were also conducted in Mishmar Hasharon, between Tel Aviv and Haifa, Givat Brenner and other smaller colonies.

All those arrested in colonies in the Haifa district or the vicinity were taken to the Athlit immigrant clearance camp, which was emptied to receive them. The 1,300 visaless immigrants who entered this week on the Josiah Wedgwood, who had been in Athlit, were moved elsewhere. Most of those seized around Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are in Latrun.

U. S. Zionist Funds Aid British Finances

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—The funds being collected in the United States for Zionist endeavors in Palestine greatly benefit Britain's financial structure by increasing its dollar credits, the Manchester Guardian pointed out this week. It said that Palestine is the only Middle Eastern country bringing dollars into the sterling area—through the Zionist collections and the sale of diamonds.

On the other hand, the Guardian wrote, the merchants of Transjordan are making fortunes purchasing non-essential items in the United States and reselling them in neighboring countries.

Canaanite Temple 4,500 Years Old Found

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM—A 4,500-year-old Canaanite temple, believed to be the oldest building ever discovered in the Middle East, has been unearthed near the village of Kinareth, at the southern end of the Sea of Galilee, by a Jewish Palestine Exploratory Society expedition.

The archeological expedition has been working three years on the site of Beth Yerach, which apparently was a flourishing, well-populated town during the Roman occupation of Palestine and earlier. It was situated on a small peninsula jutting into the Sea of Galilee near the Jordan river.

England Won't Talk To Arabs

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—The British government has turned down the request of the Arab governments for Anglo-Arab talks on Palestine which would exclude the United States and the Jews from participating in a settlement of the Palestine problem.

London Mail Calls Hatikva "Hate Song"

Jewish World News Service

LONDON—The British press has adopted a hostile attitude towards Zionism during the last week as a result of the events in Palestine. The London Daily Mail, in reporting the trial of the 31 members of the Irgun Zvi and their singing of the Hatikva, when their sentence was announced, referred to the anthem as to the "Hymn of hate of the Zionist murder bandits." Other newspapers, including the Sunday Times, argued that the admission of 100,000 more Jews to Palestine would only strengthen the Haganah.

The Labor organ, the Daily Herald, published two articles about Tel Aviv which referred to the city as a "city of speculators and gangsters worse than Chicago."

The events in Palestine also had repercussions among British Jews. The assimilationist Jewish Fellowship has started a campaign among its members to leave the Board of Jewish Deputies which is now overwhelmingly Zionist. The Anglo-Jewish Association has taken similar steps, which may lead to a split with the Board of Jewish Deputies for the first time in the history of 175 years.

A. J. Committee Backs Plea By Weizmann

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—The good offices of the American Government in support of the plea made by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, last week, calling upon the British Government to act as intermediary in bringing about an immediate rapprochement between Jews and Arabs in Palestine, were urged in a statement submitted to Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, by Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee.

Bevin Issues Answer, But It's Weak One

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON—British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin denies that he has disapproved the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine, and although opposed to a Jewish national state, favors a "Palestinian state of some sort," Lord Inverchapel, British ambassador here, informed Senators Wagner and Mead of New York.

Replying to a cable from the two senators protesting Bevin's recent speech to the Labor Party conference, the ambassador said that he had been asked by Mr. Bevin "to stress that in his Bournemouth speech he was concerned to put forward some constructive suggestions which he hopes may be of assistance" in the discussions on Palestine.

The letter ignores the criticism by Wagner and Mead of Bevin's statement that "the agitation in the United States, and particularly in New York, for 100,000 Jews to be put in Palestine is because they do not want too many of them in New York."

Mr. Bevin, the ambassador pointed out, "did not say that he would not agree to the admission of the 100,000 Jews to Palestine. He said that if they were put there tomorrow, he would have to send another division of British troops there and that he was not prepared to do it. But 'although he drew attention to these difficulties,' Lord Inverchapel wrote, 'he said he would strive for a Palestinian state, from which the voice of the Jews in Palestine could be heard in the chancelleries of the world. Mr. Bevin made clear that he was determined that the Jews should be given fair treatment; and that he would not agree to their being excluded from any country; and that he championed equal rights for them in whatever country they were settled.'"

Lord Inverchapel once again expressed the view of the British government that admission of the 100,000 "would involve financial and other commitments which they could not carry alone."

Histadruth Office Wrecked, Looted

By M. SCHWARTZ

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV—The headquarters of the Histadruth in Tel Aviv, which was the scene of one recent raid, was a shambles when troops withdrew and reporters were allowed to enter the building.

Windows were smashed, doors broken, desks and chairs overturned, cabinets torn down and wall panels defaced. A picture of Victor Arlosoroff, Zionist labor leader who was assassinated in 1933, had been covered with a Union Jack found on the premises. Many valuable documents, as well as fountain pens, clocks, adding machines and other office equipment were taken. Eleven JNF collection cans filled with coins disappeared.

The printing plant of Davar, largest daily in Palestine, was also badly damaged. Type for two books was wantonly upset. The wall of a neighboring house collapsed when troops used explosives to blast open a safe. An adjoining barber shop looks like a victim of the blitz. In one day more than 100 residents of Tel Aviv submitted complaints to the authorities that money and valuables were taken from them during the raids.

Reform Rabbis Uphold Balfour Declaration In Attack On Bevin; Urge Community Councils

BULLETIN

Special CHICAGO—The "unconscionable arrest" of members of the Jewish Agency and thousands of other Jews in Palestine was branded as "tantamount to the inauguration of war by the British authorities" in a resolution adopted here at the closing session of the 57th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The 400 assembled rabbis charged that the "deliberate desecration of the Jewish Sabbath was a wanton violation of religious freedom which represents a reversion to the barbaric practices of ancient Syria and Rome."

Special CHICAGO, Ill.—"A deep sense of indignation and hurt" at the unprovoked and malicious statement made by the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, in his recent statement on Palestine was expressed by the four hundred rabbis attending the 57th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis at the closing session of its five-day convention. The resolution urged "immediate implementation" of the findings of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry which urged Great Britain to permit the immigration to Palestine of 100,000 displaced Jews of Europe.

The resolution adopted by the rabbis explicitly stated that they do not "assent to those recommendations in the Anglo-American report which negate the British pledge to the Jewish people in the Balfour Declaration. Nor do we assent," it continued, "to those recommendations in the report which would paralyze Jewish development in Palestine and would do violence to the rights of our people in Europe."

Urge Synagogue Councils

The Central Conference expressed itself as "heartily" in favor of "the formation of local synagogue councils to give their special attention to religious matters which they are uniquely competent to interpret and put into effect." The Conference also expressed itself in favor of "democratic organizations of local Jewish community councils, democratically organized, and urges all national organization to co-operate with these local councils."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was re-elected president for a second term. Others re-elected to serve with President Abba Hillel Silver were: Rabbis Abraham J. Feldman, Hartford, Conn., vice-president; Harry S. Margolis, St. Paul, Minn., treasurer; Sidney L. Regner, Reading, Pa., financial secretary; and Isaac E. Marcuson, Macon, Ga., administrative secretary.

Ask Russia for Religious Freedom

The Conference adopted a resolution requesting the Russian government to give Jews in the Soviet Union, and other religious groups, "larger opportunity to secure religious instruction and to develop religious institutions." The Russian government, through its Ambassador in Washington, was asked to "revoke all laws prohibiting religious instruction to people under eighteen years of age, and to permit the opening of religious seminaries for the training of rabbis and religious teachers."

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, Hartford, Conn., was elected president of the Hebrew Union College Alumni Society, and Dr. Maxwell Sacks, Brooklyn, was chosen president of the Jewish Institute of Religion Alumni Society.

WOULD HAVE RABBIS TO BE EXPERTS ON PROBLEMS OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY

Special CHICAGO—Marriage counseling, pre-marital conferences with engaged couples, synagogue institutes and study classes on marriage and family for both adults and youth, and the further use of religious facilities for social and recreational purposes were advocated by the Committee on Marriage, the Family, and the Home in a report presented by Rabbi Stanley R. Brav of Vicksburg, Miss., committee chairman, to the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis here.

Only by such a program, and the full cooperation "in all community efforts to reduce delinquency, prostitution and venereal diseases," can the religious forces make "a contribution to the solution of the skyrocketing incidence of divorce in America," the report said.

Declaring that religious leaders have a great responsibility in bettering family life, the Central Conference urged that the religious seminaries give "sound courses in Family and Marriage Counseling for every undergraduate, and, in view of the present crisis, devote a major portion of the 1947 summer institute to meeting this problem."

REFORM RABBIS WANT CODE FOR CONFIRMATION, CCAR HEARS

Special CHICAGO—The setting up of a "national set of Standards for Confirmation" was recommended by a special Committee on Confirmation Practices under the chairmanship of Rabbi Albert T. Bilgray of McKeesport, Pa., at the convention here of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The committee's report represented

the thinking of 185 rabbinical members of the Conference who answered a set of questionnaires.

The committee recommended:

1. The establishment of post-confirmation programs, which are now given in only sixty per cent of Reform congregations.
2. The creation of youth groups, which are now being held in approximately seventy per cent of Reform congregations.
3. The establishment of a minimum of three hours a week for the education of confirmands under the direct supervision of the rabbi.



Gives U.J.A. \$58.92

Six-year-old Stevie Weissman contributed his total savings—\$58.92—to the local drive. Stevie had been saving his weekly allowance for a bicycle but was so aroused by reports of the plight of the 150,000 Jewish child survivors that he broke open his piggy-bank and donated all of his savings to the Tampa drive which has already raised more than \$117,000 against a goal of \$100,000.

San Antonio Hospital Plans

Special SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Congregation Rodefel Sholom has made available a sum of \$12,500 which may be utilized for the erection of a Jewish hospital.

In the event that such a hospital program is not going to be undertaken, the money will be turned over to some local charity.

Joint Educational Board Set Up by Congregations

Special CEDARHURST, Long Island—The educational practices of Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow's Beth El Congregation (Conservative) here and Rabbi Irving Giller's Sons of Israel Congregation (Orthodox) of Woodmere, have been unified, it was announced this week. A joint board for the coming year has been named.

J.T.S. TO TRAIN THOUSANDS AS RABBIS, EDUCATORS, ETC.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—Training of thousands of Jewish youth from 13 years up for careers in the rabbinate and other Jewish professional and lay positions was embarked on by the Teachers Institute and the Jewish Theological Seminary, following discussion of the ambitious plan at the Rabbinical Assembly convention here.

The plan, which has been tested for one year in 35 congregations throughout the country, provides for education in the local communities under the close supervision of the Teachers Institute and the Seminary.

Under the direction of members of the Rabbinical Assembly, qualified young people 13 years or older will be prepared for entrance into the Teachers Institute and the Seminary. From these candidates material will be drawn for the rabbinate, Jewish teaching, social work, Jewish and communal leadership.

The Assembly concluded its four-day convention with adoption of resolutions urging the setting up of adequate machinery for the control of the atom, the outlawing of all atomic weapons belonging to all nations, expressed "its anguish and resentment at the failure of the governments involved thus far to implement the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine immediately to admit 100,000 Jewish displaced persons in Palestine."

Rabbi Israel M. Goldman of Providence, R. I., was elected president and Rabbi David Aronson of Minneapolis, Minn., vice-president.



RABBI ISRAEL GOLDMAN

Gordis Hits Centers And Sunday Schools

NEW YORK—The whole attitude toward the Sunday school needs "rethinking," said Dr. Gordis, president, at the Rabbinical Assembly convention here last week.

"Both Protestantism and Reform, which initiated the Sunday school movement, are beginning to have serious doubt about it," he declared. He recommended instead a Jewish day school for children between the ages of 5 and 8, after which they could return to the public school system and continue in the afternoon Hebrew school. He said that he believed the Jewish day school or Yeshivah had proved a most efficient and significant agency for Jewish education.

Dr. Gordis criticized the Jewish centers as they operate at present. "It is not adult Jewish education to have lectures speak on penguins in Tasmania or mules in Patagonia, or even the independence of China or the glories of the Soviet Union," he said. "It should instead teach Judaism, Jewish history, Jewish customs and philosophy."

Rabbi Gordis called for the creation of new congregations, particularly labor synagogues, through which the laboring groups could be reached. He also urged the creation of a national youth camp for Conservative Judaism where young men and women could be sent on a scholarship basis for Jewish study and Jewish living.

as a token of the Catholic community's "sympathy in this time of catastrophic distress for the Jewish people of Europe."

Kansas City Bishop, Catholic Groups Aid UJ

Special KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, distinguished Catholic prelate, this week made a personal contribution of \$500 to the United Jewish Appeal in enlisting the support of the Catholic Diocese of that city in the non-sectarian Community Council drive in behalf of the \$100,000,000 U.J.A. campaign.

In addition to Bishop O'Hara's private gift, \$100 contributions were also made by each of four leading Catholic lay organizations by the Diocese. These came from the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Diocesan Union of the Holy Name and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They were announced by Bishop O'Hara

Costa Rica Jews Fear Attacks

Special NEW YORK—The Jews in the small Central American Republic of Costa Rica are in daily dread of attacks, it is reported by a representative of the World Jewish Congress now visiting there. A powerful anti-Semitic propaganda is being conducted by the newspapers, the report said.

Berkowitz In Youngstown Pulpit

Special YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Dr. Sidney Berkowitz will soon assume his duties this week at Congregation Rodef Sholem. Rabbi Berkowitz served as a chaplain in the South Pacific where he earned three battle stars and reached the rank of major.

Orthodox Rabbis' Wives To Meet Simultaneously With Husbands To Discuss Problem Of 'Rebbetzin'

Special NEW YORK—For the first time in American history the rabbis' wives will meet simultaneously with the Rabbinic council in New York, from July 8-11, under the aegis of the Agudath Horabonoth. They plan to discuss the problem of the "Rebbetzin" in the American orthodox Jewish community. Many of the young women in the organization are playing an active part in the religious, educational and social life of their congregations, and their annual get-togethers in the past have proved to be of value, with papers presented on various angles of the communal structure of the modern orthodox "Kehilla".

This year's convention will mark the beginning of a new relationship with the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, whose president, Dr. Samuel Nirenstein will

present greetings at the first session. A caucus meeting has been called prior to the formal opening by Rabbis Mendel Lewittes of Dorchester, Mass., and Abraham B. Shoulson of Erie, Pennsylvania, to formulate plans for a more aggressive organization of the orthodox pulpits, and a firmer bond with the two large American Yeshivoth. Important pronouncements on several controversial issues in American Jewish life are expected to result from the deliberations, as well as a revamping of the organizational structure to reflect the growing leadership of younger orthodox rabbis.

A special session will be devoted to the problems of the Yishuv in Palestine with addresses by Moshe Shapero, Palestine Hapoel Hamizrachi leader, James G. MacDonald, member of the Anglo-American Inquiry Commission.

A Weekly Digest of The Yiddish Press

By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

DR. WISE "is becoming the Chief Rabbi of our Communists," claims the Forward's Zivion. Wise spoke to the Jewish Labor Council, "a new Communist device." Puzzled, Zivion continues, "This time Rabbi Wise's presence is not understandable to me." The Council passed a resolution against a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine. Isn't the rabbi a Zionist? "How could Dr. Wise give this convention his blessing? The writer doubts that he's lost his Zionism. He hints that Rabbi Wise loves to go somewhere alone, without Abba Hillel Silver.

Let's continue with Zivion, and get him over with. He has a lot of fun with the various Zionist election campaigns, and twits all parties. It brought revenue to the newspapers, says he; what with all the screaming advertisements. "With that kind of advertising, you elect a President of the United States. However, in an American presidential campaign the law forces you to report your election expenses. Will anyone ever know how much this Zionist election circus has cost?"

Was Bevin Right About America?

Why shout about Bevin? The Forward's B. Shefner asks this. The only honest question is: Was he right about New York, and America, or was he wrong? The "truth" is given by Shefner in dialogue form: "Q.—President Truman, do you want a large group of homeless Jews to come to New York? A.—No. I don't want them in New York, and I don't want them in other American cities." This really happened, in effect. At a press conference, Truman was asked whether he would propose making things easier for prospective immigrants. The answer was no. Shefner just fills in some words. No one protested, he points out. We all cry about Bevin, and his claim America won't take Jews. But was he wrong?

Jews Like To Ignore Their Own Troubles

They say John D. Rockefeller Sr., objected to so much gloom in his newspapers—during his last years. So they had special editions printed for him, without world "troubles." Just sweetness and light. And he was happy. Maybe that is what our Jews want, special editions. They object so to the gloom in the Jewish (Journal). He's been reading an Argentine Jewish publication, "The Jewish Mirror," full of published complaints from readers against the Jewish tragedies, which make them feel too bad. They seem to blame the paper. press. Thus muses A. Zeitlin Remember the millionaire in the story? He ordered the poor man thrown out, Zeitlin reminds us. "Take him away; he's breaking my heart." Seems that's the attitude of too many of us.

Free Platform Urged At Rabbinical Parleys

The Journal's J. Fishman claims he, too, was invited to that symposium of the Rabbinical Assembly, Gabriel Cohen couldn't come. Fishman couldn't come. Fishman couldn't come.

ment. All rabbinical conventions should have a day or two for a real free platform. Let ANY Jew come in and say what he wants. The parsons could learn much.

This Assembly, he thinks, was far superior to the convention of the Reform Rabbis in Chicago. It was more Jewish in its discussions. He cites the resolutions passed at Chicago—all about atomic bombs, Case Labor Bill, etc., etc. He considers all that plumb Goyish; and wants to know how it's distinguished from Christian or plain Liberal get-togethers.

Russian Jews Lack Prayer-Shawls

There's a dearth of prayer-shawls among Russian Jews, states B. Z. Goldberg, just arrived from there (Day). But not of Tefillin. Why? Because when a man dies, he takes his 'tallis' with him. But not his tefillin. So send prayer-shawls.

Mrs. Roosevelt Brings Happiness To Refugee

Suppose Mrs. Roosevelt summoned you. Suppose you spent two hours with her. And then she told you that she is having your book published, and not to worry about anything. (All this after she had saved you, and brought you to this country.) These things actually happened to refugee Moshe Litvak. He was in a death-wagon, travelling to his doom. Suddenly, he and his friends jumped on the German guards and shot them. With the wagon, they disappeared into the forests, and became partisans. After it was all over, he found his children had been killed. But he saw his wife again. One day, Mrs. Roosevelt visited his camp, heard his story, and a new life began for him. (Forward.)

There IS Peace In American Israel

"Rabbi Isaac Landman, leading anti-Zionist, was elected president of the Synagogue Council of America, comprising the three religious groups. Who said there is no peace in American Israel?" —Day.

"Among twelve newspaper executives now visiting Germany, there is Arthur Hays Sulzberger, of the New York Times. It is to be hoped that he will learn something . . . and will better understand why Palestine is the only solution to the problem of the homeless Jew."—Fishman.

Why Rabbis Sometimes Have To Give Up Pulpit

"Man bites dog." A rabbi of a large western community writes to the "lovelorn" in the Journal. He admits: "I should be able to solve my own problem, but I can't." He has a wealthy president. Thought he was a friend. Suddenly he is confidentially informed by a trustee that the president is against him, and the rabbi will soon have to leave. Amazed, the latter tells his wife. She is not surprised. Reveals that sometime ago, this president had made advances to her, and was repulsed. That explains the matter. What, dear editor, shall I do? —Well, is the reply, return the confidence to the trustee, and tell him the story. Then get confidential with each trustee, and tell him. There must be honorable people there. They'll know what to do.

Jew Worth \$4 To Allies

How much is a Jew worth? Ask

the Forward's D. Einhorn. Well, the Allies are giving \$25,000,000 to the rescued, as compensation for 6,000,000 killed. That makes a Jew worth about \$4. Prices have come down. Hitler thought he would win the entire world at the cost of 16,000,000 Jews.

Rembrandt, Jews Understood Each Other

A really important book is Franz Landsberger's "Rembrandt, the Jews and the Bible" (Day). The author proves that Rembrandt and the Jews simply had to get together. They understood each other so well. His portraits show that. As for his Biblical themes—he didn't just illustrate them; he interpreted them; and knew them.

YOUR NAME

By N. PEARLROTH

Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

I would appreciate it if you will give me some information of the meaning and derivation of our family name, "SCHKOLNIK" or "SCOLNICK". Thanking you I am,

Yours very truly,
J. BRONSTEIN
SKOLNIK

Skolnik and Schulman are the same name.

Both of them refer to an important official in the organization of the Jewish communities of Poland and Lithuania, dating back many centuries. The original name was the Polish "szkolnik", derived from the Polish word "szkola" which means "a school", but in this sense a synagogue. ((We still call a synagogue "a shul" in Yiddish.) The ancient "szkolnik" was a sort of bailiff at the disposal of the Rosh Hakahal (Jewish Mayor). In addition the szkolnik was the man with the best worldly education in the community, often the only one who could speak Polish fluently, enough to be able to mediate between the Jewish community and the Polish authorities. He was also a sort of city councillor who represented the Jewish Community in all law suits in which the Kehilla appeared either as a defendant or as a plaintiff. In the eyes of the Polish authorities the "szkolnik" was easily the most important official in the Jewish community. Schulman is a German translation of the Polish "szkolnik".

Quota System Breeds Bias, Says Educator

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
ATLANTIC CITY—Attacking the quota system in American higher educational institutions, Dr. Edward J. Sparling, President of Roosevelt College of Chicago, speaking at the 40th annual convention of the Order Brith Sholem, charged that American colleges and universities are directly responsible for a great amount of the race prejudice in the United States.

"The policy makers of our colleges and universities are defeating American democracy by the establishment of quotas for minority groups in our country" and are forcing thousands of American youths to go abroad for their education, he declared.

Balaban Heads Movie Drive

SPECIAL
NEW YORK—Barney Balaban, president of Paramount Pictures, Inc., has accepted the national chairmanship of the Motion Picture Division of the \$100,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine.

In addition to the national post, Balaban is co-chairman of the Amusement Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

I Think as I Please

By CARL ALPERT

Sensation: The Atrocity Stories Were Faked!

ONE of the most persistent traits of Jewish anti-Zionists in this country is their absolute lack of any sense of realism, and their complete inability to grasp the immensity of the tragedy which has struck at our people. Lessing Rosenwald and Elmer Berger are living in some sort of a dream world, completely detached from the bitter facts and realities of Jewish life.

I am led to this observation by a clipping which has just turned up in my files. It is an editorial written in 1942 by Rabbi Julian Feibelman, anti-Zionist member of the American Council for Judaism. In this item, written in a New Orleans paper almost four years ago, he wavers between doubt and disbelief of the atrocities perpetrated by the Nazis on European Jewry. As an indication of how naive the anti-Zionist mind is, I give the reader liberal extracts from the Feibelman editorial.

True, he says, the Nazi "philosophy prescribes extermination, their practice has conformed to their belief.

"YET, IT SEEMS STRANGE that Germany, actually hard pressed on the Eastern front, acknowledging its shortage of freight cars, and forced to extend its fronts from one to two and now to three, should have the time, and the persevering energy to devote to these poor and actually harmless Jews.

"Dr. Stephen Wise has likewise issued a statement describing these atrocity stories. Pushing detail into most graphic description, Dr. Wise explains how physicians are detailed to inject air bubbles into the veins of helpless Jews, because it is a quicker method of extermination. He is quoted as saying that a physician can inject as many as one hundred men an hour.

"A reliable physician in New Orleans states that it is impossible to inject enough air into one hundred men to kill them in an hour. He states that at best a few men can be so treated.

"Aside from the facts, and regardless of the authenticity of the stories, which we feel cannot be over-described, would it not have been far better for Dr. Wise to have refrained from adding his name to these accounts?

"Stories of rendering dead bodies for their fat or chemical property were likewise reported during the last war, as a practice of the German army. These stories were eventually admitted to be groundless."

THERE YOU HAVE IT! Protecting himself with some double talk, Rabbi Feibelman, nevertheless leaves the impression that the atrocity stories were being exaggerated, and that, like those of the first war, they would eventually be disproved.

And why does Dr. Wise announce the horror stories? No doubt because he seeks to utilize them for Zionist propaganda, and make Zionist capital out of the lies and distortions!

Because of the very nature of their warped philosophy of Jewish life the anti-Zionists have never been right in their appraisal of the Jewish problem. All of their prophecies have been wrong. They said consistently, throughout the war, that when the fighting was over, the majority of Europe's Jews would be only too happy to return to their homes in Germany and elsewhere. They were wrong.

They said that in the democratic postwar era the world would be filled with love, justice and brotherhood, and the nations of the world would vie with one another to guarantee to the Jews equality of citizenship and free economic opportunity. Study the situation in Poland and elsewhere today, and see how wrong they were.

They said that only a small minority of America's Jews were Zionists. A million shekel holders, and several polls have showed how wrong they were.

THEY SAID THAT the formation of a Jewish army would cause resentment against the Jew and raise new barriers against him everywhere. The Palestine Jewish Brigade, finally created, rendered notable service in the war, was widely commended, and sent units to participate in the recent Victory parade in London. The anti-Zionists were wrong again.

Rabbi Hyman J. Schachtel, another Council member, revealed his great political acumen and foresight when he wrote in 1942: "It is to accept a barren philosophy of defeatism to believe that while the Axis will be defeated, the Axis ideology will be triumphant. It is to grant Hitler NOW his victory in making Europe 'Judenrein'."

The intervening four years, and six million corpses, have given Rabbis Schachtel his answer.

So far as I can ascertain, only once has the Council been right. In one of their pamphlets they declare in big, bold, orange type, covering an entire page: "Silence on the Zionist Jewish Nationalist Program Means Assent. Membership in this organization (the Council) Proves Dissent."

Very well! They claim a membership of 13,000, who dissent from the Zionist program. The remainder of American Jewry, some five million of them, must therefore agree with Zionism, under the terms of their own logic!

YIDDISH LOSES OUT AS ORGANIZATION VOTES TO USE ENGLISH OFFICIALLY

Jewish World News Service

NEW YORK—Yiddish lost out in one of its last strongholds when the Jewish National Alliance, the Fraternal Order of the Labor Zionists, at its convention at Atlantic City, voted English as the official language in place of Yiddish.

The arguments in favor of English were that young American Jews do not speak nor understand Yiddish and if the Order is not to become a dying organization of old men, it must change to English. The Yiddishists who are strongly represented in the National Jewish Alliance, protested against the decision but were in the minority.

Says Defense Agencies Scare Jews Into Contributions by False Facts

Special NEW YORK—National Jewish organizations such as the B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress and Jewish Labor Committee that devote a large part of their funds and activity to fighting anti-Semitism are furthering the Nazi propaganda aim of keeping America Jew-conscious. These organizations are also frightening their own people, so charged Allan Lesser in an article in the current issue of Menorah, a quarterly devoted to Jewish affairs.

Citing figures and statements in the American Jewish Yearbooks for the past years that organized anti-Semitism has decreased greatly, he deplores the alarmist cries of rising anti-Semitism based on incidents of vandalism and anti-Semitic hoodlumism which the Jewish defense agencies blow up causing Jews to remain in a fear-stricken state.

The reason they do this, according to Lesser, is that within the last decade these Jewish organizations have risen to a position of lead in the fight against anti-Semitism and executives and other officials are reluctant to leave their positions which pay them well. Besides, they have some sure-fire techniques of raising money. They've found out that a frightened prospect makes the best contributor.

Lesser accuses Jewish news agencies of contributing to keeping the American Jew in a state of terror. Despite their claims of independence they were either at one time affiliated or subvented by the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress or ZOA. He cites the incident of one agency deliberately distorting a story about persecution of Russians to make it appear as if they were all Jews.

Jewish Agency Names Political Aid in U. S.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency NEW YORK—Lionel Gelber of Toronto, Canada, writer and authority on international and British Commonwealth affairs, has been appointed political advisor to the Jewish Agency for Palestine in the United States. Mr. Gelber, who retired in 1945 from the Royal Canadian Air Force with the rank of Flight Lieutenant, was formerly on the faculty of the University of Toronto.

Agencies Fight Wrong, Reform Rabbis Hear

Special CHICAGO—An attack on the "psycho-analytical and sociological" approach to fighting anti-Semitism as being "over-simplified" was made by Rabbi Benjamin Friedman of Syracuse in delivering the sermon at the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Chicago.

"Our Jewish lay organizations," said Rabbi Friedman, "are employing sociological and psychological technicians to solve the Jewish problem. It seems to me that the Jewish problem will not be solved until Jewish life is normalized."

"Anti-Semitism should not be

DPs Under Fire From Missionaries

Special MUNICH—An American missionary society, called the Jewish-Christian Reconciliation, is conducting a conversion movement among the displaced Jews in the American zone, according to reports from various camps. The society promises converted Jews preferential treatment in obtaining visas for the United States and other countries of immigration.

Workers of the society are wearing UNRRA uniforms and conducting their conversion campaign under the auspices of UNRRA.

approached as another "juvenile or adult delinquency problem," he continued. The psycho-analytical and the sociological approach is over-simplified, as Jews with a knowledge of their history will recognize. Will these psychologists suggest techniques that will help Jews face anti-Semitism

or will they, in their laboratories, analyze only the workings of the anti-Semitic mind?" Rabbi Friedman urged Jewish lay leaders—who he said are departmentalized as "anti-Defamation Jews, Masonic Jews, Committee Jews, Congress Jews"—to render "more than lip service to the primacy of Judaism in American Jewish life. Lay leaders use the voice of Rabbis to propagandize their programs with the ulterior motive of creating the right impression upon our non-Jewish fellow citizens. It is a D.A.E. Carnegie technique, undignified, and of dubious efficacy."

TO THEM... HUNGER IS REAL!

The hunger they know today in displaced persons camps of Europe is not the vague sensation that prompts you to take a second helping of dessert.

The Hunger they know is a live, ravensous Thing... a cruel Enemy that

attacks day and night without respite... that tortures the body, dulls the mind. The Hunger they know is... STARVATION.

Have they been saved from the gas chamber and the crematorium for this?

What do YOU say?



UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING TO SAY "LET THEM STARVE" . . .

Give Generously to the Overseas Food Campaign

Every moment we hesitate, every day we delay . . . contributes to the success of the campaign that Hitler himself couldn't carry to completion . . . the extermination of European Jewry. It is our job to save them NOW. There is no shirking the responsibility; there is no time to be lost. The work goes on . . . unceasingly. Every week, thousands of special kosher food packages are sent to Europe's starving Jews by the REFUGEE-IMMIGRATION DIVISION of the Agudath Israel Youth Council,

which has forwarded more than a million pounds of food overseas since V-E Day. \$500,000 is needed NOW . . . the scope of this work is determined by the extent of your cooperation. To do ALL we can . . . is the LEAST we can do!

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Named "Outstanding Citizen" of N. Y.

Whether the problem is of world importance or purely local, elder Statesman Bernard M. Baruch is equally expert at handling it. While relaxing in New York's Central Park, the U. S. delegate on the Atomic Energy Commission helps a youngster in need of a cool drink during the current heat wave blanketing the city. Mr. Baruch was cited as New York's outstanding citizen by the Kiwanis Club. Accepting the honor, the Jewish statesman referred to himself as a "typical New Yorker."

Lewis on Books

By DR. THEODORE N. LEWIS

THE BLACK BOOK, (The Nazi Crime Against the Jewish People) Duell Sloan and Pearce. 519 Pages.

THE Black Book is a major piece of documentary evidence of "The Nazi crime against the Jewish people." Not only are original German sources used but these are accompanied by more than one hundred illustrations which confirm and attest the written record, and which make it eternally indisputable. This is an indictment which Germany will never be able to answer, to suppress, or to eradicate.

The volume opens with a clear statement of the true Nazi intentions towards the Jews—total extermination. This is followed by incredible testimony filling over five hundred pages, describing the various stages, the inexorable process of the diabolical process.

"Conspiracy," the first chapter, shows how the Nazis used anti-Semitism as a political weapon with which to conquer and to sow disunion and chaos. The chapter entitled "Law" is a detailed summary of the anti-Jewish legislation prepared to provide a "legal" basis for the wholesale murder of the Jews. The appended chart carefully itemizing this legislation is particularly important. "Strategy of Decimation" deals with the deadly techniques of expulsion, slave labor and starvation, and that on "Annihilation" considers the process as it was actually executed in the several extermination centers in Western Europe, in Central and Southeastern Europe, and in Poland and the Soviet Union. "Resistance" tells how humble and simple folk fought the Nazis bravely and at great risk. It should restore our faith in the common man.

I HAVE BUT ONE criticism to make against this book—the false impression that Soviet Russia was the chief, almost exclusive, opponent of the Nazis, and that the Red Army was almost the sole savior of the Jewish people, and of mankind. The role of Soviet Russia in the war against Hitler and in the deliverance of the Jews is magnified beyond belief.

The unvarnished truth is that if the Jews had to wait for their deliverance and salvation upon the Soviet Union and the Red Army, they might have been utterly and completely annihilated. The unbiased truth is that Soviet Russia entered this war not to fight Fascism and Nazism, not to save the Jews from death, but to save its own hide. In this, there is nothing reprehensible. All the nations who fought Hitler did so fundamentally for reasons of national safety and security.

TO PORTRAY RUSSIA as the chief antagonist of Hitler is to be utterly dishonest. Where was this supposedly eternal foe of Nazism from September 1, 1939 to June 22, 1941? During that fateful period, Soviet Russia was on the most intimate and friendly terms with the Nazis, appealing them and silencing all criticism of these enemies of human freedom. More shocking is the tragic truth that during this entire period while Britain was alone at war with Hitler with its back to the wall, and all Europe prostrate at the Fuehrer's feet, the Communists throughout the world, taking orders from Mos-

cow, were branding the conflict with Fascism as "imperialistic," "capitalistic" and energetically sabotaging it all over the globe. The leading French communist, Maurice Thorez, deserted from the French army, and American Communists organized strikes in crucial war industries not to facilitate the war against Hitler and Mussolini, but to cripple it. To forget and nonchalantly ignore all this, as the authors of this volume do, to try to remove these shameful pages and chapters, is to resort to deliberate deception, and to be guilty of intellectual dishonesty.

"THE BLACK BOOK" opens with a special page containing a gem by Itzik Fefer, the Russian Jewish poet, to the effect that "The globe is too small to hold both mankind and Fascism." This is of course absolutely true. But, where was this same Fefer when Hitler invaded Poland? Where was he during those faithful years when Soviet Russia was an ally of Hitler, when France was vanquished and when the British fought him alone? If what Fefer says is true, — and that it is none will question, — then he stands indicted of expediency, cowardice and of appeasing the most desperate foe of the human race—not only he, but Stalin, and the entire Soviet Regime.

What applies to Itzik Fefer also applies to Ilya Ehrenberg, who on a recent tour in the United States had the insolence to assert in public that the Red Army saved the Jewish people, and to many other Jewish and non-Jewish journalists of Soviet Russia, who repeat this grotesque nonsense. Let them explain to the world just why Hitler's war on mankind assumed a special pattern and character on June 22, 1941, a pattern and character as were Poland, Holland, etc. What would have happened if Russia had not been attacked? Would the war against Hitler remained an "imperialistic," "capitalistic" struggle, instead of becoming a noble crusade against Fascism?

THIS IS NOT INTENDED to detract an iota from the valor and bravery of the Red Army and the Russian people. What we must guard against, and diligently, is falling for the false propaganda now being so sedulously spread that Soviet Russia is the leading enemy of Nazism, and that it is the best friend of the Jewish people, the only hope of humanity, etc. Stalin did not help the Jews who fell under Hitler's power when he partitioned Poland, jointly with Hitler, or when Hitler conquered Norway or France or Belgium, etc. The Soviet government and their friends and stooges must acquire a decent respect for the truth. The truth is that the Russian government and people struggled and bled, just as did all the other nations, for purely national interests. The crushing of Nazism and the deliverance of Jews were incidental by-products, not primary objectives.

The authors of this important and necessary volume would have enormously strengthened their indictment and case if they had shown a greater regard and interest in the Jewish people, and less in Soviet Russia.

**KEEP ON BUYING
B-O-N-D-S**

Bernstein Says 40,000, Army Says 3,000,000

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
FRANKFURT—About 40,000

Jews from Poland and other eastern European countries are expected to enter the U. S. zone of Germany this summer, according to Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, advisor on Jewish affairs to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney. He branded as "fantastic and without basis in fact" a statement made earlier last week by a group of American Army officers that if the flow of Jewish refugees is not halted, the Army will eventually have to feed, clothe, and house up to 3,000,000 Jews.

Dr. Bernstein stated that the report he had advocated the halting of limiting of immigration to the American zone was completely erroneous. He declared that the "known increase in infiltrates during May was 5,933." In the same month departures numbered 1,171, leaving an increase of 4,732. This figure has risen somewhat in June, he continued, but will be under 10,000.

Klan Gets Time To Reply to Georgia

SPECIAL ATLANTA, Ga.—The Ku Klux Klan has been granted a ten-day extension by Judge Frank Hooper on the July 1 deadline for the filing of its answer to the state of Georgia's charter-revocation proceedings. Morgan Belser, attorney for the klan, had claimed he did not have sufficient time to prepare an answer to the suit. Commenting on the forthcoming legal battle, Grand Dragon Dr. Samuel Green said the klan was being attacked by state officials "without cause to satisfy a politician's grudge."

12 Win Nomination For Maryland Offices

SPECIAL BALTIMORE—Judge Herman M. Moser and Judge Joseph Sherbow of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City won Democratic nominations to retain their seats in the primary election. Samuel Lasch, who is seeking re-election as judge of the Orphan's Court of Baltimore, led seven other candidates to again become one of three Democratic nominees. Eight more were nominated by the Democrats for the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates.

In the only Republican primary for the State Senate in Baltimore, Daniel Ellicon, former Congressman, defeated three other candidates.

Lodge Gives \$1,200 To Catholic Hospital

SPECIAL ELMIRA, N. Y.—Within a few days after this city was able to extricate itself from the recent disastrous flood, the local B'nai B'rith lodge donated a sum of \$1,200 to begin the fund for the restoration of St. Joseph's Hospital, which was severely damaged. The money was raised from contributions by members of the lodge at a benefit sport night featuring Benny Leonard, retired undefeated lightweight boxing champion of the world, who led off the B'nai B'rith drive with his own contribution.

Ohabei Sholom Pulpit Goes To Rabbi Weinberg

SPECIAL BOSTON, Mass.—Rabbi Dudley Weinberg has been named spiritual leader of Temple Ohabei Sholom here, it was learned this week. Rabbi Samuel I. Abrams will become emeritus. Rabbi Weinberg was associated with Rabbi Harry Gittelsohn in Memphis, Tenn.

Between You and Me

By BORIS SMOLAR



IT TURNS out that the Cabinet committee appointed by President Truman to implement the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine has a staff which has little knowledge of the Palestine issue.

POLITICAL PRELUDES: . . . The members of the staff are now seeking information on Palestine which has been repeatedly given by all parties involved to previous committees. . . . The lack of real experts on the Palestine issue on the technical staff of the Cabinet committee gives the British Foreign Office the upper hand over the committee. . . . And this gives the Zionist leaders a cause for worry. . . . The optimists among the Zionists are the laborites. . . . Some of them definitely believe that the present fight for Palestine will yield positive results and that there has been a change of heart among many members of the British Cabinet.

THE season of annual conventions of Jewish organizations is almost over. . . . The only group that is yet to hold its convention is the Zionist Organization of America. . . . And even this convention, **SUMMER** like all the others this **NOTES** summer, will not attract any particular interest. . . . Strange as it sounds, there are no stimulating issues before American Jewry this year, except the burning issue of the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. . . . And the resolutions that the various conventions are adopting with regard to this issue are pretty much the same. . . . At the annual convention of the Reform rabbis in Chicago last week, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver tried to bring in local American color by raising the issue of whether American Jewry is drifting away from Judaism. . . . But it seems that Jews in the United States are not very much interested in evaluating American Jewish life. . . . They seem to be satisfied with the situation as it stands today, namely with "dollar Judaism." . . . As long as one contributes to his local Jewish Welfare Fund and to Jewish needs abroad, he considers himself a Jew. . . . The wider aspects of Judaism are too deep and complicated for him because of the failure of Jewish education in America. . . . Little has been done by rabbis and educators in this country to bring the average American Jew to an understanding that philanthropy alone does not make up Judaism. . . . No wonder that the recent convention of Jewish social work-

ers discussed the problem of how to adopt Jewish philanthropic activities to the situation that will develop when the government, by constantly expanding its social services, may take over a lot of responsibilities from the Jewish community. . . . Without his philanthropic interest in Jewish community life, the American Jew would feel even less Jewish than he feels today.

HOW THE Nazi Government spent \$625,000,000 a year to spread anti-Semitic propaganda and conduct other subversive activities in the United States is revealed by Leo J. Margolin, a member of the Psychological Warfare **PAPER** Branch of the Allied **BULLETS** Forces Headquarters. . . . The revelation is made in "Paper Bullets," just published by Forben Press. . . . Analyzing the propaganda methods used by the Germans, the author emphasizes that anti-Semitic agitation played an extremely important role in the Nazi activities in this country. . . . As early as 1935, orders were issued to Nazi agents in the United States to concentrate on fomenting antagonism against President Roosevelt. . . . The slogan to be spread was that "the Government of the United States has fallen into the hands of Jews and Communists." . . . And plenty of Nazi-American stooges were busy promoting this slogan to the great satisfaction of their Berlin bosses. . . . The mark left by anti-Jewish propaganda in the United States was such that the Berlin Government found the poison of anti-Semitism the best weapon possible, the author says. . . . The role played by American "front" organizations in disseminating Hitler's propaganda is also described by the author. . . . He singles out the "American Crusaders," the "American Silver Shirts," the "Christian Front," the "Protestant War Veterans of America," and Rev. Charles E. Coughlin's "Social Justice." . . . He relates how it was discovered that an article in "Social Justice" published under Coughlin's name was word for word, comma for comma, period for period, a speech made by Goebbels over the German domestic radio. . . . Coughlin called it "a coincidence." . . . The author also tells how the U. S. Post Office, unwittingly, and in good faith, distributed the Nazi anti-Semitic material free within the United States, and how the Nazis concocted a plan to use the Congressional Record, official organ of the U. S. Congress, as a Nazi propaganda transmission belt.

18 MIDSHIPMEN GRADUATE AT ANNAPOLIS AT RECENT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

SPECIAL ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Eighteen Jewish midshipmen were commissioned at recent graduation exercises of the United States Naval Academy. Mrs. Ruby Labovitz, chairman of the local Army and Navy committee, presented the future naval officers with JWB prayer books, engraved with the name of the recipient. Commander Leon S. Kintberger, USN, holder of the Navy Cross and Silver Star and commanding officer of the USS Zellers, was the principal speaker at the breakfast at which the prayer books were distributed.

The 18 Jewish midshipmen who were commissioned are: Emil R. Melsel, Memphis, Tenn.; Robert G. Hirsch, Newark, N. J.; James W. Weinstein, Steubenville, O.; Harold M. Dryer, Maplewood, N. J.; Stanley J. Schiller, Chicago, Ill.; Howard A. Weiss, Chicago, Ill.; Alan J. Frankel, New York, N. Y.; Edward J. Myerson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Eugene R. Lippman, East Orange, N. J.; Howard R. Weiss, Shaker Heights, O.; Philip Kwart, Miami, Fla.; Marvin J. Becker, Macon, Ga.; Jerome M. Gronfiem, Butte, Mont.; Nathaniel Heller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leonard A. Tepper, New York, N. Y.; Herbert Ivan Tilles, Queens, N. Y.; Elliot R. Rose, Boston, Mass.; and Arthur Steloff, Newark, N. J.

Uptown and Downtown

By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

On Winchell

Walter Winchell's secretaries have standing instructions. You call up, let us say, to check on his religion. "Why, he's Jewish, of course," they will answer.

I asked if he had ever changed his name. "No," an assistant replied. "Once, an electrician made a slight alteration. Walter was a tap dancer. He had only one 'l' in his name. In lights, it appeared twice, through error. It's been that way ever since."

For one, I wish he would call a spade a spade on the radio, and Jews—Jews. Not "minorities," or something like that. That is my only criticism. On the whole, he is a wonderful phenomenon.

Echo to a Letter

"Cardinal Spellman and Rabbi Schultz have done a courageous and patriotic public service in warning the people of the United States."—Los Angeles Examiner, lead editorial, June 24.

Yes, I knew I'd wake you up. Now you will surely read on. That editorial was syndicated to associated papers. It all proves that, for world-wide fame, you need only get a letter published in New York Times. Say what you will about the Times, everyone reads it. I described there Communist treatment of Jews in Russia. I've been getting letters ever since, threatening as well as favorable. The Reader's Digest responded, asking for details. I knew I was a success when "nuts" from California wrote at length, enclosing pamphlets. One quoted Ezekiel to me, to prove the Jews would get Palestine. He raised my spirits, though I didn't see the connection. But he dashed them to the ground again, when his condition turned out to be, that they accept Jesus.

Suppression in Russia

Here's my letter which caused the excitement (N. Y. Times, June 13):

"In his recent warning against Communism, Cardinal Spellman, I believe, spoke not only for his church but for adherents of all faiths. Religious persons cannot, and must not, remain silent in the face of Marxist propaganda here, coupled with its military aggression abroad. The two are part of the same master plan.

"It is not merely the philosophy that is frightening. Communist practice behind the 'iron curtain' has meant blood, agony and death.

"The fate of pious Jews there is not generally known to the public. Yet enough authenticated facts have come to light to make protest necessary. Oldsters in Russia may worship in their synagogues. But the teaching of my faith to children is forbidden. Hebrew instruction is a crime. Thousands of Zionists languish in jail. Yiddish is slowly disappearing. There is no true Jewish communal life. Committees, like the famous Jewish anti-Fascist committee, are government units.

"Of 150,000 Jews who escaped into Russia from Nazi-occupied Poland, one-third died in six years. They were kept at heavy forest labor with criminals in Siberia and other frozen lands.

"Since the godlessness professed by the party in power does not preclude cruelty to individuals, aroused world indignation might ease conditions. It would not be right, on any grounds, to ignore these facts any longer. The truth can still make men free."

Tucker Pickles

Has your favorite grocer "Sophie Tucker?" I mean food-products, of course. The "Yiddish Mama" has a food company now, and sells to delicatessen stores, judging by circulars. Noodles, soups, spaghetti, "farfel," and dill pickles, carry her name. I guess she makes them all herself; are they not advertised as "home-made?" Finally, they are good "for your health." Previously, the only kinship I could see between Sophie and food, was that she obviously ate plenty of it.

Militant Rabbis?

To Gabriel Cohen: What an answer you could get from Rev. Dr. Joseph Sizoo, prominent Fifth Avenue parson! I refer to your opinion that rabbis should be socially militant, pro-labor, etc. Dr. Sizoo tells the story of the Toonerville Trolley. It was proceeding at its usual snail-like pace. The irate passenger asked, "Can't you go faster?" The skipper replied, "Sure I can. But I like to stay with my trolley."—The rabbi or minister will lose all influence, Sizoo says, unless he is "staying with" his people. If you're too far ahead, you do nothing for them, and hurt yourself.

A Hero's Tragedy

Long Island tragedy: The middle-aged rabbi became a chaplain. A "hero," he was absent for years. Came the replacement—a young divine. This tall, blond, able youngster, turned out to be the ideal rabbi. He revived the congregation. Popular clamor insisted that he remain, and that the older man resign. In vain "ethics" were invoked by outside committees. In vain angry discussions raged. The new man was wanted; the other one wasn't. And the latter would never get such a large, prominent temple. To add to the tragedy, the replacement had not lifted a finger to get that job; simply performed his duties. The inevitable denouement: The young man stays. The returned chaplain got a "settlement"—about \$20,000, in installments. He must leave.

Maxim Gorki

Just ten years ago, Maxim Gorki died. The Russian author was a friend of Jews. You read some stories of his, and you think they were written this morning. He described a town of Jews, who were massacred every once in a while. But there were good Gentiles there, "sixteen in number." After every pogrom, they had a protest meeting. They resolved: "It is not practical to kill all the Jews at once. We express our protest against taking human lives in such great numbers." They got telegrams of support from the provinces, too. The Jews tired of all this; and before the next pogrom, bought up all the pens, paper and ink. They wanted to see how the good Gentiles could get along without these. Sure enough, Jews were

AL SEGAL Speaks on FOUR NEW JEWS

I have been reading lately some lamentations coming out of the Jewish Theological Seminary about multitudes of American Jews being converted to Christianity—a weeping that doesn't seem at all justified by the known facts of American Jewish life.

This is not to say that Jews are as strictly faithful in synagogue observance as they might be, but then it may be said that most of the Christians don't go to church either. In our own town, which contains some 20,000 Jews, I know only of two who have gone over to Christian churches—one of the Presbyterians and another to the Episcopalians.

But I am not going to quarrel with them. I hope only that they will derive from their churches much more than the fashionable pleasure of being Presbyterians and Episcopalians. They may get the noble ethics of being good Christians and that would be all right; but then they could just as well have gotten the same ethics if they had stayed in Judaism and taken the trouble to know the Old Testament.

However, this isn't intended to be a discussion of departed Jews but rather it concerns four new Jews who recently, while these others were walking out, after deliberate judgment decided to come into Judaism.

Some months ago I reported here the case of six young Christian women who were converted to Judaism in our town, by reason of the fact that they were marrying Jewish young men. Now these four more have come along.

I am not turning religious handsprings on that account. As long as there are so many Jews who are lacking in Jewish religious life, it really makes no sense to delight in four Christians coming over to the Jewish side. Yes, the great need in Jewish life is to convert Jews to Jewish religion.

JEWS HAVE BEEN RUNNING in all directions of being Jewish, except the prime one of religion. To a stranger watching current events it might seem that being a Jew was largely a matter of politics and geography.

So it may be instructive to know what these four new Jews think about being Jewish. Our rabbi, Dr. Victor Reichert, had instructed them in Judaism and, after they were through with their lessons, had required each of them to write a brief essay on what Judaism meant to her.

Dr. Reichert has sent me their essays and I, as a Jew, find in them something new, fresh and invigorating about the matter of being a Jew. In these times even the best-intentioned Jew may fall into the idea that being a Jew has to do solely with joining organizations to fight anti-Semites, to put up money for that purpose and to look for hidden enemies under every stone; or with aspiring toward a national identity as Jew.

I find none of that in the essay of Mrs. M. B. She, it appears, married a Jew, has a child, has decided to bring up the child in the religion of its father and to make that religion her own as well.

massacred again. The "friends" looked for pens, paper. Couldn't find any. And, Gorki concludes, this goes to show what a scheming people the Jews truly are.

Revolution in Shul

Can you conceive of young people leaving a Shul because the elders are not orthodox enough for them? This happened in Brooklyn lately. At the congregation "New Lots Talmud Torah," I understand, things became formal and easy-going. Oldsters loved to hear a juicy "davenen." So they hired Yiddish actor-singers to be cantors, etc. This scandalized boys and girls who were undergoing religious revival. Now they have a Shul of their own. It is called "Young Israel," is strictly traditional, and English-speaking. By the way, I will have to write about Young Israel sometime. It is a growing movement, and proves the prophets again confounded.

Philadelphia Triples UJA Contributions

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
PHILADELPHIA.—The Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal has exceeded its goal of \$6,000,000 for the United Jewish Appeal, more than tripling the amount raised last year. The final total was \$6,051,187. The campaign, under the leadership of Leonard B. Geis, was a community-wide effort by both Jews and Christians. In all 74,443 persons contributed to the campaign.

"For me," she wrote, "Judaism is the end of a long search for a religion through which I can wholeheartedly express my belief in God. . . . I did not have the good fortune of being born into a completely Jewish family. Although my dear father was Jewish, my mother is Catholic. I was given no formal religious education, but merely taught to believe in a Supreme Being who created all things and to be a decent citizen of the world.

"WHEN I WAS ABOUT 16 my parents told me I might choose my own faith. Choose? How hard to choose this one thing which ought to be everyone's inheritance at birth.

"Since then I have been exposed to many forms of religious beliefs. I say 'exposed' because I never found it in my heart to accept any of them. Now that my quest is ended I am rather glad that my faith was not handed me on a silver platter. My glimpses into other religions only serve to make me more appreciative of Judaism and much more tolerant and broadminded than I might have been without them.

"There is much for me to learn about the teachings of this, my chosen faith. Much to learn of the practices through which all Jews should keep their religion a vital and living monument to God. I intend to learn them as fully as I am able. I realize that the longest life is not time enough to absorb all truth and beauty but I will do my best in that allotted to me.

"I pray that I may be blessed with more than the one child I now have and with Supreme Guidance to instill in them the pleasure and pride and greatness of Judaism which I am now discovering.

"I want to help them find the warmth and comfort of a firm faith built on solid truths; to make the belief in One God, the Ten Commandments and the Brotherhood of Man the rock on which their lives are founded. I myself will ever try 'only to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with my God.'"


I QUOTE ALSO from DS's essay: "Judaism is to me a new and bright future. . . . I was not asked to become a member of the Jewish faith; more so, I was told of the many trials, hardships and heart-breaking experiences I may have to endure. . . . No amount of riches could replace my decision to be a worthy member of the Jewish faith, for in it I have found true happiness."

And from the essay of K.M.: "I was interested in Judaism originally because I wish to have the same faith as my husband and I wanted only one religion in our home. I was reared in the Protestant religion. . . . I sincerely believe in all the teachings of Judaism and I know that by living a life of justice, goodness and mefey, it will be a happier life for me and my children."

Thanks to these new Jews, thanks for their good teaching that may refresh the many born Jews who are horribly confused as to what being Jewish means, thanks for their being among us and here's hoping they will do us all some good.

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Rumanian police authorities have announced the discovery of an underground fascist organization which planned to murder Jews.



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Ruth Paller, Editor

Dear Boys and Girls:

DO YOU remember when we talked about the Falashas, the colored Jews who live in Ethiopia? The word Falasha means "stranger" in the language of the Ethiopians, and that is the name given to them by the people among whom they live. They call themselves "Beitha Israel," which means "of the House of Israel."

For many years, these black Jews thought they were all that was left of the Jewish people, and that it was their duty to keep Judaism alive.

They observe the Sabbath according to the description in the Bible. Before the Sabbath falls, the entire congregation helps to prepare the Sabbath food. Then they eat the Sabbath meals in the synagogue together. The entire day is spent in the synagogue with prayer and study filling the hours.

They keep the festivals and fast days described in the Bible, except Purim and Chanukah, because these two holidays began in the days of the Second Temple after the Falashas had been lost from the rest of Israel.

IT WASN'T until Dr. Jaques Faitlovitch of France went on an expedition to find the Falashas, that they learned there were other Jews in the world.

When Dr. Faitlovitch returned to Europe from his first trip to Ethiopia, he brought back with him a number of Falashas. These young men were given a general and a Jewish education in schools in Europe and Palestine. After their education was completed they returned to teach their fellow Falashas.

A pro-Falasha committee was led by Dr. Faitlovitch to open schools, and provide text-books for Falasha Jews in Ethiopia itself so that they may become educated and go out to the farthest villages to spread knowledge.

WE DON'T know why the Jews in Ethiopia are colored or how they came there although there are several theories.

This is the story the Falashas believe.

In the days of King Solomon, the Queen of Sheba came to visit Jerusalem and became a Jewess. She and King Solomon had a son. The Queen of Sheba brought her son back to her own land and named him Menelik.

Menelik grew to manhood and his mother sent him to Solomon to be educated in Jerusalem. While he was there, the Queen of Sheba died and Menelik was crowned King of Ethiopia. He took the name of David.

When he went back to Ethiopia to take his throne, he brought with him many Jews from Jerusalem, including judges and priests.

From this beginning, the Falashas grew.

No one knows if the story is true, but it is interesting to think about.

IN NEW YORK City's Harlem district, there is a synagogue for colored Jews. It is upstairs of a corner store on Lenox Avenue. On the windows are painted the words "Commandment Keepers Congregation."

A friend of ours attended the Sabbath service there some years ago, and this is how he described it.

The synagogue was a large room with a reading desk, an ark, rows of folding chairs, and a piano. There was a picture of Haile Selassie, King of Ethiopia, on the wall.

The men sat in the front of the hall, and the women sat in the rear.

A YOUNG GIRL played the piano during the services. Some of the hymns were familiar but many sounded like spirituals.

Very few of the members used prayer books. They seemed to have memorized the Hebrew prayers which they used.

When the Ark was opened and the rabbi began to read from the Sefer Torah, twelve men, representing the twelve tribes of Is-

Letter Box

WELCOME to new member **Sandra Hafner**, 350 Blue Ridge, Indianapolis. Sandra, who is 13, sent in an excellent essay on the Prophet Amos, as her contest entry. It will be printed in a future issue of the Junior Post, so watch for it. She writes:

"My hobby is collecting post card folders. I have 33 of them. I am interested in ice skating and am going to try to be a professional ice skater."

We are happy to have you in the League, Sandra. Write again.

Another new member who wrote us an interesting letter is **Marlene Stein**, 1320 Vine Street, Scranton, Penna., age 10½. Here is what she says:

"My favorite hobbies are collecting dolls of foreign lands, collecting money of foreign lands, taking care of homeless animals, especially dogs, and writing stories for magazines and newspapers. I would like to correspond with a girl around ten or eleven years of age and would appreciate it very much if you could find me a pen pal in England, Belgium or France. I think your contests are oodles of fun and help shut-ins have lots of fun. Since we are about the only family who take The Jewish Post everyone in the neighborhood reads it."

Marlene, we hope you will send us the story you wrote about and some of the others too. We would like to read them and hope there will be space to print one of them. For a Pen Pal, look over last week's Junior Post.

Send to Ruth Paller, 5610 Carrollton, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Pen Pals

Maurice Robinson, 69, Lower Clanbrassil Street, S. C. Road, Dublin, Ireland, wants to write to girls over 14 years of age. He is interested in movies, sports, and stamps.

Sonia Rosenoff, 8, Tilton Street, Fulham, London, S. W. 6, aged 11, wants pen pals living in the United States or Canada.

Reva Berkley, 1401 Pollokshaw Road, Shawlands, Glasgow, Scotland, is looking for boy correspondents in their teens.

Contest

Senior Division

A prize will be given for the best essay on the Jewish character you most admire. You may choose a person from the Bible, history, or the present day.

Junior Division

A prize will be given for the longest list of names of great Jewish men whose first name was Moses.

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Canadian Legion Would Ban Bias
Jewish Telegraphic Agency
QUEBEC—The Canadian Legion, an organization of war veterans, has called upon all provincial legislatures to enact measures outlawing racial discrimination.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a letter to the London Times attacked anti-Semitism as the "most tragic example" of racial and religious intolerance which still threatens basic human rights a full year after the end of World War II.

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IN MOUNT EPHRAIM IN THE ANCIENT KINGDOM OF ISRAEL, THERE LIVED A MAN NAMED ELKANAH, WITH HIS WIFE HANNAH—ONCE EACH YEAR THEY WENT UP TO THE CITY OF SHILOH—
HANNAH, WHY ARE YOU CRYING? DON'T YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU? AREN'T WE GOING TOGETHER TO SHILOH TO WORSHIP IN THE GREAT TEMPLE?
I KNOW ELKANAH BUT I AM UNHAPPY BECAUSE NO SON!

IN THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD WHERE ELI WAS HIGH PRIEST, HANNAH PRAYED THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE A SON—
O LORD OF HOSTS, IF YOU WILL BLESS ME WITH A MAN-CHILD, I WILL GIVE HIM TO SERVE YOU ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE!
THIS WOMAN ACTS STRANGELY FATHER!
PERHAPS SHE WAS TAKEN TOO MUCH WINE AT THE FEAST!
HER LIPS MOVE, BUT HER VOICE IS NOT HEARD!

NO, ELI, I HAVE DRUNK NO WINE—IN GRIEF HAVE I POURED OUT MY SOUL BEFORE THE LORD! I AND MY SONS, THE PRIESTS HOPHNI AND PHINEHAS, WERE WATCHING YOU—GO IN PEACE AND GOD WILL ANSWER YOUR PRAYER!

AFTER THEY HAD RETURNED TO THEIR HOME IN RAMAH, ELI'S WORDS CAME TRUE—HANNAH GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY SON—
I WILL NAME YOU SAMUEL BECAUSE THAT MEANS "ASKED OF GOD!"

THREE YEARS LATER—
AND AS I VOWED ELI, I BRING MY SON SAMUEL TO YOU—I AM LENDING HIM TO GOD!
HE WILL LIVE HERE WITH ME IN THE TEMPLE—AND LEARN TO SERVE GOD!
I'LL BE A GOOD BOY MOTHER!

SO SAMUEL LIVED AT THE TEMPLE, HELPING OLD ELI AND THE PRIESTS, HIS SONS—
NOW THE LAMP WILL BURN BRIGHTLY ELI!
YOU ARE A GOOD CHILD—I WISH MY OWN SONS WERE AS GOOD!

BUT HOPHNI AND PHINEHAS DID MANY WRONG THINGS, TAKING BRIBES AND ABUSING THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRIESTS—
MY BROTHER AND I WILL FIX IT FOR YOU...
IF YOU DO THERE'LL BE MORE MONEY FOR YOU!

ONE NIGHT, SAMUEL THINKS HE HEARS A VOICE CALLING—
SAMUEL!
IT MUST BE ELI CALLING—I'M COMING ELI!

HERE I AM!—I HEARD YOU CALLING!
I DIDN'T CALL YOU, SAMUEL! GO AND LIE DOWN!

AFTER THIS HAD HAPPENED THREE TIMES—
IF THE VOICE CALLS AGAIN, YOU MUST ANSWER "SPEAK, LORD!" FOR IT IS THE LORD GOD CALLING YOU!
I WILL ELI!

LATER—
SAMUEL!
SPEAK, LORD! FOR I LISTEN!

NEXT WEEK: GOD SPEAKS THRU SAMUEL

Mrs. Paller Appeals To Readers For Books For Survivors Of European Jewry

By RUTH PALLER

TWO million Jewish books were found recently by American soldiers in a cache near Frankfurt. Four hundred thousand books were located in a cellar in Berlin. Dr. Salo W. Baron, Professor Jewish History at Columbia University, heads a delegation of American experts who will work with similar groups from London and Palestine to locate and restore to the rightful owners the millions of books and rare manuscripts which were looted by the Nazis from Jewish libraries, art collections and archives.

A tentative list of Jewish cultural treasures in Axis-occupied countries has been compiled by a staff of experts under the auspices of the Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction. Dr. Baron's committee plans to prepare a report and recommend action to the Allied authorities.

JEWISH CHAPLAINS report that the hunger for books is greater than the hunger for bread among the remnants of the Jews in Europe. The greatest need is for textbooks in

Yiddish or Hebrew because new classes are being formed constantly to speed the cultural rehabilitation of European Jewish Communities. Bibles, prayer books, dictionaries, and general literature are also needed.

The habit of centuries is too strong to be broken even by the Nazi terror or the disheartening callousness of the world. As long as a Jew lives at all in Europe, he is sustained by the resolve to make his way to Palestine. Until he reaches there, he will study and learn to prepare himself to live again as a free man.

TO HELP SUPPLY the demand, the Histadruth Ivrit of America with headquarters at 165 West 46th St., New York, 19, New York, asks that all books, in Hebrew or Yiddish, which can be spared from American homes, be sent to the Histadruth office for shipment overseas.

If it is more convenient for any of our readers to bring or send their books to the office of The Jewish Post, we shall be happy to deliver them to the shipping point.

Bellis Cops Tennis Title 7th Time

PHILADELPHIA—Izzy Bellis, Philmont Country Club, won the Philadelphia district tennis championship for the seventh time when he defeated Bernie Friedman of the Spruce Tennis Club in straight sets, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2 at the Cynwyd Club. Bellis had easy sailing and seems to be playing some of the best tennis of his career.



Jewish Grandmother Graduates

Tiny Sari Goldman, 3, helps her grandmother, Mrs. Leah Elkin, as the 63-year-old woman dons her graduation gown in which she is receiving her high school diploma. The elderly student is the wife of Rabbi Samuel E. Elkin of Brooklyn's Congregation Eitz Chaim and is a native of Lithuania, coming to the U. S. in 1909. Eight of her nine grandchildren are on hand to see grandma graduate. (International)

3 JEWS IN SENATE, 11 IN HOUSE OF MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE

Montreal Rabbi Gets Degree

MONTREAL—Rabbi C. N. Denburg, of Congregation Chevra Kadisha, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, magna cum laude, by the University of Montreal, for his thesis entitled, "The Functional Value of Matter and Form in Maimonides." He has been a rabbi since 1942.

A. Feinberg, Chelsea, Dies

CHELSEA, Mass.—Alec Feinberg, Chelsea businessman and father of Mrs. Ada F. York, president of the Women's Division of the New England branch, American Jewish Congress, died after a short illness. He was the husband of Mrs. Sophie M. Feinberg, long-time member of the Chelsea school committee.

Frederick Mann Re-Elected

PHILADELPHIA—Frederic R. Mann was re-elected president of the Philadelphia branch of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society for a sixth consecutive term.

Special

BOSTON, Mass.—Three Jews have been nominated to the state senate and eleven have been nominated to the house of representatives during the state elections.

Nominated to the senate are Casper Dorfman of Newton and Charles I. Taylor and Morris Shultz in the fifth and sixth Suffolk districts of Boston.

Nominated to the house of representatives are Joseph Sholkin of Newton, Lawrence R. Cohen of Brookline, Charles Kaplan and Daniel Rudsten of Dorchester, Louis Lobel of Boston, Rae L. Yoffa of the Third Suffolk district of Boston, George Greene and Louis K. Nathanson of the 12th Suffolk district of Boston, Sidney Prenovitz of the 14th Suffolk district of Boston, David Newman of the 23d Suffolk district in Chelsea, and Jeremiah Kamens of the 24th Suffolk district in Chelsea.

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What Foods These Morsels Be

LEAH W. LEONARD

SOME of the recipes asked for in letters from readers are the kind that would fit into a cold weather diet. So, dear friends, I am holding them for later in the season. For example, who wants to bother about "Grated Potato Kugel" in hot weather? Or "Lima Beans cooked with Honey"? Don't you agree with me that some nice, cool, crisp salads, and easy-to-prepare frosted desserts are more desirable right now? Here are a few suggestions for hot weather:

COUNTRY CLUB SALAD (FOR 4)

- 1 cup diced Pascal celery (the green kind, full of Chlorophyll)
- 1 medium cucumber, pared and diced
- 1 cup tiny cauliflower bits
- ½ cup coarsely chopped nuts (peanuts will do)
- 4 half-inch thick slices fresh pineapple
- Lettuce, mint leaves, cheese dressing, as desired

Place the first four ingredients in a deep bowl and chill half an hour, while you prepare the pineapple slices and salad dressing. When chilled mix about 4 tablespoons of the dressing with the vegetables and nuts and place each of the four portions in a lettuce cup on a salad plate. Press pineapple half slices upright on two sides of the salad, add a few sprigs of fresh mint and add more salad dressing to top.

CHEESE SALAD DRESSING

- 3 ounces of cream cheese
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- ½ cup pineapple juice
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- A dash of salt

Mash cheese in a bowl deep enough to use a rotary beater. Add sugar, fruit juices and salt and beat till smooth. Fold in the sour cream. Chill before using.

SATIN-SMOOTH ICE CREAM

(for electric refrigerator)

- ¾ cup sweetened condensed milk
- ½ cup cold water
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup heavy cream (chilled light cream may be whipped)

Combine the first three ingredients and chill while beating the cream in a chilled bowl until it forms a custard-like consistency. Fold the whipped cream into the other chilled mixture and turn into the freezing tray of your refrigerator. When about half frozen, remove the cream to a chilled bowl and beat with a rotary beater till smooth but not melted. Return to freezing tray till frozen solid. Serves 5 or 6.

CIRCUS PINK ICE CREAM (especially for the kiddies)

- 4 tablespoons red cinnamon candies
- ½ cup apricot nectar (canned)

Combine and place over low heat till the candies are melted. Add 4 cups fruit juice from canned plums, peaches or apricots and about 4 tablespoons lemon juice. Chill and serve in tall glasses with a scoop of the Satin-Smooth Ice Cream in each glass. This serves 6 to 8, depending on the size of glasses.

FROSTED STRAWBERRIES

Do not remove stems from large whole berries. Wash and drain well. Separate them on a large board until dry, then dip each berry in beaten egg white and dip in confectioners sugar. Arrange in a bed of mint leaves and chill a few minutes before serving time. Stick a colored toothpick in each berry if you like—facilitates handling.

PEACH SURPRISE

Cut large peaches in half and remove the stones. Fill the centers with cream cheese or cottage cheese seasoned with a dash of salt, sugar and chopped nuts or finely cut fresh cherries. Put two halves together so that the cheese filling shows and serve on a bed of shredded lettuce. Top with Cheese Salad Dressing and a whole cherry or sprinkle with chopped nuts.

To reach Mrs. Leonard, please write to Harmon-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Philadelphia Lawyer Gets KKK Death Threat

By PHIL LEVINE

PHILADELPHIA—A prominent Jewish lawyer, David Levinson, has received four death threats from the Ku Klux Klan because of his efforts to act as a defense counsel for a Negro charged with murder.

Levinson, 50-year-old counsel for the Civil Rights Congress, received one of the threats in a crudely-printed letter sealed with a bloody K.

The other three death threats were received over the phone.

When the lawyer received the letter he paid little attention to it, assuming it was a crank note. However, when the death threats were repeated on the phone he

decided to ask for police protection.

The murder took place a few weeks ago. A young war veteran and student at University of Pennsylvania, Francis K. Erhard, Jr., was attacked after getting off from a train near his home late at night. Police rounded up a large number of suspects and finally arrested William Chavis, 21-year-old pinboy.

Levinson, who for more than 20 years has been a civil rights lawyer, had offered to defend Chavis at a preliminary hearing, but Chavis turned down his offer.

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Our Film Folks of HOLLYWOOD

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By LEON GUTTERMAN

FEW players of the American theater can boast the cosmopolitan and cultural background of Edward G. Robinson, one of America's foremost screen actors, who first attracted attention in films as a snarling gangster. Behind those now passe snarls was the young man with the Master of Arts degree from Columbia University; the linguist thoroughly conversant in eight languages—Rumanian, German, Spanish, French, Italian, Hebrew, Yiddish and, of course, American English; the art connoisseur whose collection of paintings is among the most famous in the world; the devotee of classical music; avid reader of literature works; and world traveler.

Eddie Robinson, now starring in Producer's Sol Lesser's current production, "No Trespassing," isn't "Little Caesar" anymore. Quite the opposite, he is the whimsical, lovable character who is forced by circumstances to slay.

Going to the studio to visit him while he is before the cameras is quite a unique treat for any Hollywood correspondent. At least it was for me. For he is far from being just the usual star of motion pictures. He is first of all a brilliant human being and great actor who has emerged as one of the leaders of one of the great industries of the world. He is a man of generous thought and impulse, of deep pity and sympathy for struggling humanity, particularly the common man here and everywhere. He is a great liberal. And he fights well on the side of democracy. For when there is a fight on against the rights of human life, tolerance, liberty and freedom he pulls down his visor, grasps his lance and goes forth to battle. Yet, despite his fighting strength, he has the pliable nature of a poet and a truly religious, fervent, albeit moral, nature. His environment, the battles he has fought through life, the blows he has struck and received have changed him a great deal.

Robinson is already a sort of legendary figure in Hollywood. People speak of him with great respect. Still, he sits in no ivory tower. People who meet him for the first time are struck at once with his intelligence and understanding. And writers to this day write columns about his fights for the little man, the man down under.

Is Edward G. Robinson a man of humor, of wit, I am often asked. Or is it natural for him to wear that countenance of eternal tragedy? My answer is: You should hear his infectious laugh in a closed room among intimates where people have not come to gape at a celebrity and prod him with idiotic questions. His actions on the screen are hard—but the man himself is not. He screens as if he had a tough skin, but he has not. Underneath his brusque exterior is one of the most sensitive men who ever contemplated the mystery, the terror and wonder of life.

"The pictures made by Robinson," a film critic once told me, "are cutting a path for the motion picture industry. They are tramping through the wilderness, making a path."

I asked Eddie whether he would be interested in portraying the role of a great character from Jewish history, or modern times, in order to enlighten the world a little about our people. His answer was an immediate and enthusiastic "yes!" He said: "If I were to find an outstanding American-Jewish story, one that would be filled with significance and meaning for the whole world—not only for the Jewish people alone—it would please me very much. 'Going My Way,' for instance, could very easily have been a Jewish screen story; that's how broad it was in its religious outlook."

"Hollywood is interested today in producing intelligent, well written, directed and produced films with important themes and background. If a good story were to be written about Jewish life, without any undercurrent of propaganda, it would be made at one of our studios. So far no such story has been brought to our attention."

Eddie, incidentally is responsible for Warner Bros. producing such talked-of pictures as "Confessions of a Nazi Spy," and others. "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet," in which he played the leading role of the famous Jewish man of science, brought national as well as international recognition to the Warner studio because of its impressive production standards, and the handling of a Jewish character with dignity and refinement.

"Because the leaders of the motion picture industry have come at last to understand the attitude of the American public, they now realize that high attendance records are not always an index of a picture's value. I sincerely believe that a good picture about our people would be rated as a success and yield a large return upon the investment."

"Our film makers are no doubt earnest and sincere in their desire to do great thematic pictures—pictures about Jews, Catholics, Protestants—in fact, pictures about all peoples of the world, in order to establish new and higher artistic and ethical standards. They have come to recognize the responsibility that rests upon them—the control of a vast and potent instrument of entertainment and education."

My visit with this erudite artist was in every way a pleasant experience. But what afforded me a great deal of pleasure throughout our conversation was that in most instances he preferred to speak in Yiddish! And what a colorful Yiddish! Impressed with his ability and vivid vocabulary in handling the language, I said: "It's wonderful to hear such a pure and unadulterated Yiddish coming from a famous American motion picture star!" "Why not?" he answered. "A dog speaks dog language. A bird speaks bird language. So why shouldn't a good Jew be able to speak a good Yiddish?"

Uruguay To Admit 1,000 Jewish Orphans

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay—The Uruguayan Government will soon authorize immigration of 1000 orphaned Jewish children from Europe between the ages of 4 and 22, it was reported here. The

children will be brought into the country by a government bureau which would place them in Jewish foster homes. Children between the ages of 12 and 16 would be trained for agricultural work while the oldest groups would be placed in various industries.

BILL STERN Yesterday and Today IN THE LIVES OF FAMOUS FOLK

BILL STERN is very happy today about being America's No. 1 sports announcer; but he has to admit that broadcasting wasn't his first goal.

Back in the 1920's Bill abandoned his hopes of becoming a great actor only after a terrific struggle which included a stock company tour and an icy Hollywood reception. Then Bill decided to combine his sports knowledge and interest with the voice lessons he had taken and go into broadcasting in a serious way.

At Pennsylvania Military college, Bill had received letters in football, basketball, tennis, boxing and crew. This background was invaluable when he embarked on his broadcasting career in 1925 over his hometown station in Rochester, N. Y.

A string of announcing jobs, all around the country, followed



YESTERDAY

while Bill developed his dramatic style. If the station didn't like it, he'd leave, but he insisted that he be allowed to broadcast it—or else.

A brief departure from radio came in 1931 when Bill became assistant stage manager at New York's Roxy theater, and then stage manager for Music Hall and Rockefeller Center theater.

Finally, the mike fever returned and Bill asked NBC to let him participate in some football broadcasts. He started again by broadcasting with the late Graham McNamee in 1934, now does his own weekly program in addition to covering special sports events for both radio and movie newsreels.

Bill was born in Rochester July 1, 1907. Several years ago he lost a leg in an auto accident while en route to cover a Texas football game.



TODAY

Boys Town Head Lauds Jews Aiding Him

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
DUBLIN—Father Flanagan of Boys town, addressing a mass meeting here, paid tribute to American Jews who helped him found the famous rehabilitation home. He singled out particularly Henry Monksy, president of B'nai B'rith.

Father Flanagan asserted that there were few Jewish boys in Boys town because Jewish parents showed a great sense of moral responsibility toward their children's upbringing.

Baltimore Composer Delegate to London

Special
BALTIMORE—Hugo Weisgall, Baltimore composer and conductor, left for London where he will represent the American chapter at a meeting of the International Society for Contemporary Music.

He will go to Prague later to take up his new post as cultural attache to the American Embassy there.

Nu Beta Epsilon To Resume Awards

Special
CHICAGO—This year's award of Nu Beta Epsilon National Jewish Legal Fraternity to outstanding Americans who have done something constructive to bring together Catholic, Protestant and Jews will go to Bernard Baruch and Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia. On August 8, at the Progressive Club in Atlanta, will bestow these honors. During the war no awards were made.

'Wasteland' May Be Made Into Play

Special
NEW YORK—Broadway Producer Bernie Hart, brother of Moss Hart, has taken an option on the play based on Jo Sinclair's "Wasteland." The novel about a Jewish family was this spring's Harper prize novel.

Miss America of '45 Plays In Atlantic City

Special
ATLANTIC CITY—Bess Myerson, last year's Miss America, is back where she started on the road to fame. Billed as the World's most beautiful flautist she is playing an engagement at the President Hotel here.

Rabbi Laderman on Radio

Rabbi Manue Laderman of the Rabbinical Assembly of America will be the Friday guest speaker July 5, 12, 19 and 26, on the MBS Mondays through Fridays religious series, "Faith in Our Time" (10:15 to 19:30 a. m., EDT). The broadcasts, which will originate in Denver, Colo., will be under the auspices of the Synagogue Council of America.

\$1,500 Prizes Offered For Jewish Music

Special
NEW YORK—To encourage composers to write musical works of Jewish content the Jewish Music Council Awards Committee, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, has announced the first two of a series of cash prizes for such compositions.

One prize of \$1000 is being offered for a work of symphonic dimension for an orchestra of not more than 50 men; or a concerto with violin, cello or piano as solo; or using a solo voice; duration to be not less than 15 nor more than 30 minutes.

The second prize, of \$500, is offered for a chamber orchestral work, in any combination of instruments; or for a composition for string orchestra with or without piano of not less than 10 nor more than 15 minutes duration.

The contest is open to all composers without restrictions. Details may be obtained from the Jewish Music Council Awards Committee, care of the National Jewish Welfare Board, 145 East 32nd Street, New York, 16, N. Y. Cantor David J. Putterman is chairman of the committee.

Frank Weil on Radio Panel

Special
NEW YORK—Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be one of the panelists in a broadcast on July 10 from 10:30-11 p. m., Eastern Daylight Time over the American Broadcasting Company's facilities. Mr. Weil will speak in the fourth of a series of six radio panels entitled "We the Guilty," organized by The Voluntary Youth-Serving Agencies Radio Committee.

The panel's topic is "Youth and the Law." It will deal with the effect on youth of disregard of the law by adults. George Hicks, ABC commentator, will serve as moderator. Other panelists will be Dr. Augusta Bronner, Mrs. Harrison S. Elliott, and Mauro Costano.

Hartford Paper Marks 17th Anniversary

Special
HARTFORD, Conn. — A 17th anniversary dinner launched the Hartford Jewish Ledger on an expansion program destined to print the Ledger in its own plant. Plans for increasing its news and editorial content through the issuance of debenture bonds to finance the project were outlined by Publisher Samuel Neusner. Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, editor of the paper, was guest of honor.

Chelm's Wise Men On Air

Special
NEW YORK—A radio dramatization of "The Wise Men of Chelm," will be broadcast this Sunday over (NBC, 11 a. m.; WJAF, 12 noon DST), opening the summer series of The Eternal Light program prepared under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

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There's No Better Address

Jews in Sports

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By HASKELL COHEN



THIS is a story of a shattered dream. A tale of a broken heart. It began sixteen years ago and ended the other night in Yankee Stadium.

It was back in 1930 when Johnny Ray nee Chatzkel Pitler was running a gymnasium in the East Liberty section of Pittsburgh. Business was bad; the depression was then at its height. Johnny tried to eke out an existence catering to fighters who were booked in the Smoke City. His gym was made available to incoming fighters and if Johnny were lucky he worked as second for these fighters. But at best it was a precarious living.

ABOUT THIS TIME a frail, handsome Irish kid came along and asked Ray to let him box. The kid, a fresh lad, had the face of an angel but the guts of a David. Johnny liked the way he handled his dukes against bigger and tougher boys in the neighborhood. The boy's father came around one day and asked Ray to teach the kid how to box. Johnny adopted the twelve-year-old virtually as his own and trained him in the rudiments of the fight game. Billy Conn was an ambitious lad so far as his fighting went. He learned quickly and acquired a polish far beyond his years.

Ray had been a fine featherweight in his day and had fought the likes of Kilbane and Dundee. He was known as a smart boxer. What is more, he knew how to impart knowledge to others. Soon Billy was master of the gym. Naturally the boy was too young to fight as a pro so he was nursed along and fattened up. Johnny wasn't getting rich, you understand. When he managed to pick up a five spot it was steak and potatoes for Johnny and his boy Billy. Finally Ray decided to match the boy and secured a fight in West Virginia.

IT WAS CAKE and coffee money to the firm of Ray and Conn and what is more Billy lost his first fight. His conqueror's name has long been forgotten. The fights were small money affairs but Johnny and Billy enjoyed themselves traveling to West Virginia. They would roll home at night with Johnny at the wheel and Billy's curly head fast asleep on Ray's shoulder. Ray used to look at the handsome face in repose and mutter to himself, "Someday this kid is going to be the best fighter in the business, a champ."

Their first break came in 1936. Billy was matched to fight the Pittsburgh idol Fritz Zivic. Ray was against the match but went through with it since it promised big dough to the growing firm. Billy came through a winner. The company was on its way. Next came Solly Krieger in three tough fights, Rankins, Fred Apostoli, Gus Lesnevich, Bob Pastor, and Lee Savold. With it came the light heavy mantle which was quickly vacated. The Irish kid was growing. He had his eye on big game. Yes, he was grooming for the heavyweight bauble.

MIKE JACOBS liked the boy. He had guts and could take a punch. It was 1941 and the Louis match was set for June. Billy trained hard, too hard. He came in for the fight at 174½. He had worries on his mind. He was getting married right after the fight. He didn't eat the day of the fight. Yet he went out and boxed the ears off Louis for twelve rounds. Ray's teachings stood him in good stead. Johnny beamed in his corner. The fatal thirteenth came. Billy nailed Louis with a left hook but Joe crossed over the left with a right and Billy was on his way to slumberland. So near and yet so far. There was going to be another match. Johnny would correct Billy's faults. He would yet be the heavy champ. The boy was good but had too much guts for his own good.

Five long years went by. Johnny and Billy planned how they were going to lick the champ. Every time Billy had a furlough he talked the coming fight over with Ray. They lived for the day when Louis would again put his title up against the kid. All through the training period Ray insisted Billy was in great shape. He could lick the champ this time.

YOU KNOW the story of the fight. It wasn't even close. Billy was outclassed. Joe had too many guns for the Pittsburgh kid. After the fight when Billy was prepared for the press, Johnny Ray wept silently in a corner mumbling. "He's all through. He just doesn't have it any more." Johnny's dream had been shattered. He never thought that Billy would be put away a second time by the Brown Bomber.

Johnny was hard to reach after the fight. Billy and others in his entourage showed up at Mike Jacobs' office. But not Johnny. It was said he was drowning his sorrows in the waters that made one forget. The wise guys said Johnny was busted. The nags had nicked him for forty goes and he had gone for a bundle on Billy. Johnny was broke. Money never meant that much to Johnny if his boy Billy didn't share it.

IT WAS TRUE Johnny was broke but not in the pocket. Johnny was nursing a broken heart. After sixteen futile years Johnny saw his buddy wrecked. Conn is through. But so is Johnny Ray. He says he will not go near the ring again. He lived for one thing, a championship for Conn among the heavy boys. At his age he isn't starting again. More's the pity since all fight people assert Ray is the finest teacher in the game today. What they can't realize is that with Conn it was a labor of love, Johnny can't do it again for a total stranger. His heart is no longer in the game. It broke when Ref Eddie Joseph tolled the fatal "ten" over his boy Billy.

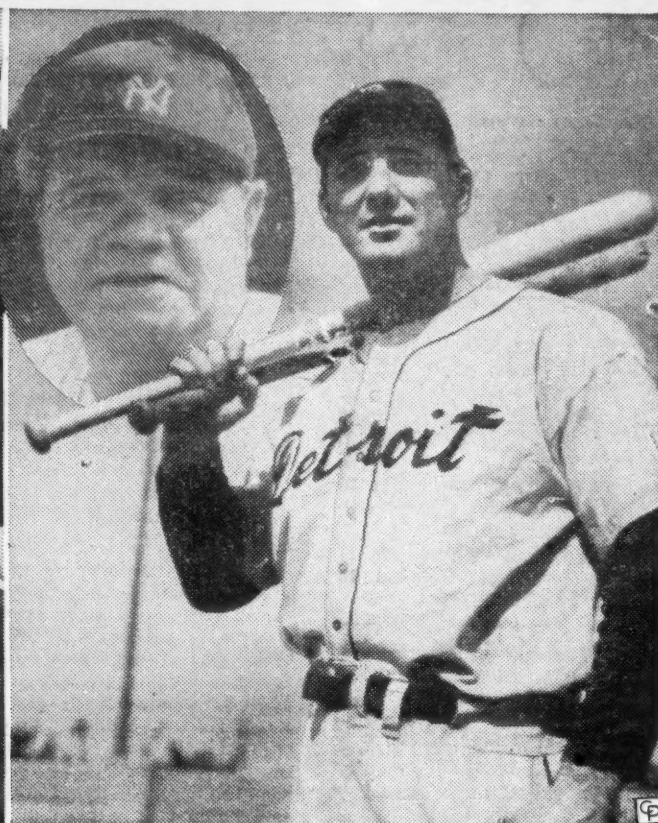
Lose Out in Finals

Special LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Seymour Greenberg and his partner, Gardner Larned, lost out in the finals of the doubles of the Southern Tennis tournament to Billy Talbert and Gardner Mulloy, 6-2 and 6-4.

Allie Stolz, who was floored six times and arose five times before being counted out by Referee Ruby Goldstein in the 13th round of his fight with Champion Bob Montgomery last week, had been out of action for almost five months. The crowd of 10,872 cheered him on through the 13 rounds.



Ted Williams



Hank Greenberg

Greenberg, Williams in Hot Race for Home Run Title

Special

CLEVELAND—Two GI home run hot-shots, Theodore (Ted) Williams and Henry (Hank) Greenberg are running each other a merry home run race, with the 19-year-old record of the mighty Babe Ruth the target for each afternoon.

Williams is the defending champion, but Greenberg has won the home run title three times.

When Ruth set his 60 home run record in 1927, he had 26 four-base blows by July 4.

Because of his power and his ability to break up ball games Williams has been passed, many of them intentional, 71 times in 63 games. That takes away a lot of chances for the willowy wallop to get his bat against the ball, and, as a result, knock out home runs.

Greenberg, also, has been walked many times and likewise gets fewer chances at smacking 'em.

Of course it was the same when Ruth was in the league, for the Bambino was walked many times. Ruth was walked 170 times in 152 games in 1923 for the all-time record and in a lifetime in the leagues drew 2,056 passes.

When Ruth cracked 60 homers he had his

best hitting bee in September, getting 17 that month.

It's to be assumed that Williams, generally considered the best hitter in baseball, will improve his pace as he goes into the hot summer months and gets back into his home orchard.

Whether either can catch Ruth appears to be a long-shot bet right now, but nevertheless some baseball observers figure each has a good chance.

Even sage old Connie Mack said last winter that eventually someone will crack Ruth's homer mark—and it could be this year.

Greenberg has hit 262 homers prior to this season, winning the crown in 1935, '38 and again in 1940. His mark of 58 in 1938 was only two shy of Ruth's record.

Williams, with 127 homers to his credit in his short major league career, has never done better than 37, the total he compiled in 1941. He came right back in 1942 with 36 and hasn't played since that year. Once, in the minors, he hit 43 round-trippers.

Joe DiMaggio and Charley Keller of the Yanks still are in the homer race and could make it a four-way battle for top honors.

Shorts

AMONG the letter winners in spring sports at Northwestern University this past spring were Bob Abrahams in golf and Nathan Clickman in tennis. The former is from LaGrange, Ill., and Clickman is from Chicago. Milton Fox of Baltimore, Md., was awarded a manager's letter in tennis.

Cy Block is hitting .258 for the Los Angeles club in the Pacific Coast League. He's on option from the Cubs.

Danny Kapilow, the New York welterweight, hasn't been knocked out in some 50 bouts. His most recent victory was a third-round knockout over Aaron Perry in Washington, D. C.

In answer to "New Yorker," Morrie Arnovich, who was recently released by the Giants, is listed in the baseball register as a native of Superior, Wis.

Sam Nahem has been doing some good pitching and hitting for the Busswicks. In a recent game against Ashville, N. C. club, he allowed but four hits and fanned 10 and then scored the winning run after tripling. He's the ex-St. Louis Cardinal, Brooklyn and Phillies pitcher.

John Garfield will play the part of Barney Ross in the picture



Bullets See Big Season As Mike Bloom Signs

Jewish Post Staff Correspondent

BALTIMORE—Big Mike Bloom, 6 foot-6 center of the Baltimore Bullets, who played the most prominent part in his team winning the championship in the American Professional Basketball League this year, has signed up already for next season.

A great performer by any standard, Mike, formerly all-American star from Temple University, also was instrumental in the Bullets capturing the league's playoff title this past season by beating the Philadelphia Spahs (South Philadelphia Hebrew Association) three games to one.

Moe Dubilier, stellar Bullet forward, and a former John Marshall College star, also has signed up for next season.

Howard (Red) Rosen, who coached the Bullets during the latter part of the successful season, is expected to be at the helm again next winter. A Philadelphian, Rosen was a luminary at Temple from 1931 through '35. He then went directly to the Spahs, where he remained for eight years.

Leads in First Round

Special MINNEAPOLIS — Bernadine Rosenthal of Midland Hills paced the first round of play in the Minneapolis State women's golf tournament with an 87.

Willing To Sell

President Bill Benswanger of the Pittsburgh Pirates in commenting on the rumored sale of his organization said "I'm ready to listen to any reasonable and fair offer." Numerous names have been listed in the proposed purchase of the only Jewish-owned Major League Club.

depicting the life story of the former boxing champion and a marine hero of this past war. Ross is now in Hollywood helping provide technical advice to the director of the movie.

Milton Yelsky, veteran Cleveland sports writer, has been appointed executive sports editor of the Plain Dealer.



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The Editor's Chair

At the symposium on "Whither American Jewry," at the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative Rabbis) convention last week, I was surprised at the unanimity of agreement on the present low state of Judaism in the United States. One speaker was willing to settle for 50,000 real Jews, with perhaps a million more trailing off that might still be called good Jews, but that meant a loss of 3,500,000 from our present figures. This is a remarkable admission.

At least two other speakers in the symposium were willing to accept these figures, and almost all of them preached the standard doctrine, which seems to me to be defeatist, but which has acceptance I understand from a historical viewpoint, of "Shar-ith Israel," the remnant of Israel. This remnant, true to Judaism, is the nucleus which saves Judaism for the future.

Ludwig Lewisohn, always stimulating as a speaker, because not only of his sincerity but also his deep insight into causes and events, came up with an indictment of the Jewish community for taking over from the non-Jewish majority the materialistic ethics, which is foreign to Judaism anyway.

Hayim Greenberg was superb too, and he admitted that he was at a loss to answer the question posed by the survey. He too was pessimistic, and held out little hope.

Dr. Solomon Goldman, the chairman, perhaps taken aback by the pessimism of the arguments of the speakers, explained that in reading history about the decline of the nations of antiquity, he was always able to predict the next stage from the chapter he was then reading, but that in reading Graetz and Dubnow exactly when the Jewish position was such as to leave no possible chance for continuing, he was always surprised at the turn of events and was always wrong when he attempted to predict the next events.

Also on the symposium were Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Menachem Ribalow and Menachem Boraisha, the latter two speaking in Hebrew and Yiddish respectively, and myself. All the talks, except my own (and I am not here being modest for I found myself in big league company and miserably outclassed) would have made feature addresses for the largest audience and deserve wider distribution; they came from trained observers and men who fundamentally are philosophers of Jewish life and these talks could be very helpful as a starting point for the rebuilding of Judaism in America.

Editorial Page

Janet Rosenwald is in the confirmation class of Rabbi William Fineshriber in Philadelphia and when the rabbi was explaining that Jews were a religion and no more, Miss Rosenwald inquired about some people she knew who called themselves Jews but never associated themselves with the synagogue, in fact were quite antagonistic to religion. The way I heard the story, stumped Rabbi Fineshriber. The story wouldn't warrant repeating were it not for the fact that Janet is the youngest daughter of Lessing Rosenwald.

At the CCAR convention Rabbi Trattner exhibited a film, which I enjoyed, of the Bar Mitzvah of Edward G. Robinson, Jr. The story behind the picture is that Harry Warner, desiring to make a bar mitzvah gift, thought that this talking record of the occasion would be appreciated. Cost of the filming was \$2,000 and Rabbi Trattner explained that the entire studio staff was called in to make the production as professional as possible. Rabbi Trattner said he had to put on makeup for the occasion. The rabbi also said Mr. Robinson, Sr., is a faithful Jew. Mrs. Robinson is half Jewish. The film, 16 mm., can be secured free from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations which was given a copy for distribution.

THE COLUMN WITHOUT A NAME

Gentlemen:

As one who attended a number of confirmation receptions June 5, I was forcibly impressed with the extravagant decorations and refreshments. Probably there were large expenditures of money also for gifts.

It seemed incompatible with the times to have a young person celebrate profession of the Jewish faith in such a manner. Should not the Rabbinate have had sufficient influence to persuade the children and their parents to donate this money to Jewish relief here and abroad? If they admit their failure, what future hope is there for Judaism?

Sincerely,
Alexander Silverman,
Head, Department of
Chemistry, University
of Pittsburgh.

(From a letter in The American Jewish Outlook of Pittsburgh).

The famous Eye Hospital in Jerusalem, which is directed by specialist Dr. Chaim Tiho, has admitted as a patient the sister of the ex-Mufti, Latifah El-Husseini. It is reported that, before entering the hospital, she sought and received her brother's permission to allow herself to be treated by a Jewish doctor in order to save her eyesight. This item of news was not permitted publication in Palestine because of the reference to the ex-Mufti, whose name has not been allowed by the censor to be mentioned in Palestine's newspapers. — The Jewish Chronicle, London.

Post Truly Impartial, Invaluable, Says Reader

Editor, The Jewish Post

The Jewish Post, unlike many other Jewish publications, translates avowed impartiality towards controversial matters into practical impartiality in the treatment of such matters. For this reason The Jewish Post is invaluable.

Sincerely,
EDWARD MURRAY CASE

One Lesson From Chaplaincy Overlooked

THE lessons from the experience of the war as it effected Jewish GIs and Jewish chaplains continue to be discussed, and although most of the expected happenings as the result of the war experience never materialized, yet the experience is by no means being written off, and many lessons learned will provide very valuable help in the coming fight to return Judaism to the place in Jewish life it has always held.

At the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Chicago last week, four returning chaplains read excellent papers on various phases of their work in the services, and yet one valuable point seems to have been overlooked.

In the army, the GI attending service attended as an equal to everyone else present. There were no barriers, as we find in civilian life, of the rich or the families with long backgrounds, or of someone wearing better clothes. The GI went to services without fear of being ignored by the rabbi, or feeling as if the services were provided for someone else and not

him. The services were everybody's for the asking, whether they were members or not.

If this was a factor in attendance at services, then it would follow that in civilian practice, a way must be found whereby everyone who is so inclined may attend services, whereby everyone so inclined can join a congregation and pay or no dues, and where the rabbi's friendliness, not alone ministrations, are distributed everywhere not alone on the wealthier members of the congregation.

The masses are not rich. If Judaism is to appeal to the masses of American Jewry, then it must make itself available for the needs of the masses, and no disabilities whatsoever must be visited on those who may not have the \$50 or \$100 or even \$10 necessary for membership.

It seems that this is one lesson of the war experience that has not been stressed enough or at all. A synagogue, like a business, has expenses, but to carry the analogy any further is to do violence to the ethics of religion, which does not distinguish between rich and poor but does distinguish as to need.

Lack Of Group Egoism Abnormal

ONE of the scientific surveys on Anti-Semitism being made by our national Jewish organizations has discovered something most of us suspected all along.

In surveying prejudice among college people against Jews, it was determined that the Jewish students leaned backward when a Jew was up for election to a campus office, and were found very often not voting for a member of their own group in order to show their objectivity, or to prove one thing or another just as inconsequential. The sociologist making this report labelled this reaction as not normal and analyzed it as a lack of group egoism.

The Rabbi's Wife

cial life of their congregations," reads the news release.

Whereas the rabbi is often "hamstrung by protocol, so to speak, and must be nicest to the richest, the rabbi's wife can be her very pleasant self, even to the poor members of the congregation.

In The Post's estimation, the news release is guilty of understatement when it says the women will "discuss the specific problems of the rebbetzin." The rebbetzin's problem is the problems of her husband, which is all the world, added on to the one posed by Al Segal in connection with the desire which the rebbetzin must suppress to wear a startling red hat.

A Suggestion For Saving The Sabbath As An Institution

THE optimism of some religious leaders that the 5-day week will bring a return to Sabbath observance is not warranted by the facts.

This optimism presupposes that non-observance is due to the necessity for working, when any fair-minded observer knows that the Sabbath has little or no significance for fully 90 per cent of the Jews of the United States.

The day when Saturday was a day of rest is long past. With an 8-hour day and a 40 or even 44-hour week, the day of complete relaxation is not the physical necessity it was when 60 or 70 hours were normal for a week's work. The day of rest is now the day of recreation, and the 5-day week merely means staying out late Friday night (or in summer getting an early start for the weekend trip) because of late sleep Saturday morning and has not affected synagogue attendance or Sabbath observance.

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Although the emphasis was always on the religious aspects of the Sabbath, yet the day of family get-together when all members of the family were at home for a full day. Some rabbis have already begun to emphasize this aspect of the Sabbath without understanding too well that what they were doing was in the best tradition.

So that the Sabbath as the family day, as the time when the father and the children are together, would fill a need which even in this day of radio and the automobile most Jews will recognize and might in time be tempted to observe.

In this picture of the family, God and the synagogue have a definite part, so that by merely changing emphasis, it is highly possible that the Sabbath as an institution might be saved.

Current Comment

Detroit Jewish Chronicle Appeals to Jews to Keep Lawns, Homes Clean, Attractive—For years and years we have heard the charge that when Jews "invade" a neighborhood it straightway becomes run down. The charge is not true. For every neighborhood where Jews formerly lived which is now a slum area, half a dozen can be found in which Jews never lived which is in equally bad condition.

Neighborhoods run down because they get old. As the houses begin to decay, a type of population enters which is on a lower economic level. The new people are not, as a rule, owners and as renters, do not take the same pride as owners in the appearance of their homes. The whole area then begins to sag.

It is important then that neighborhoods be particularly bright. Lawns must be kept up.

Repairs must be made in time. Painting must be done and, above all, each place must be clean.

Leaders in each neighborhood must take upon themselves the enforcement of such a campaign. Every block should have its own committee to handle the appearance of the properties therein. Owners who are neglectful should be reminded. Sums of money, perhaps only pennies from each household, should be gathered. From these sums, men should be hired to water lawns and trim the grass and do minor repairs where the householders cannot give the time themselves.

In Jewish neighborhoods, this is an absolute necessity. So look about you. If you are an offender, reform your neighbor to set the proper pattern.

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DEFENDS POSITION OF J.D.C.; DECLARES \$4,000,000 IN CASH AND SUPPLIES SENT

Editor, The Jewish Post,

Your editorial "The J.D.C. Should Issue a Statement on Poland" came to the J.D.C. yesterday. We are hastening to write you at once because, I must admit, your editorial has left us in a state of amazement which is in no way lessened by the fact that the same issue of The Post (June 14th) carried a news story datelined Chicago explaining in some detail that the J.D.C. has appropriated \$4,000,000 for Poland since the beginning of 1946.

In an effort to clear up the confusion, I consulted the Publicity Department to ascertain what material had been sent you recently regarding the J.D.C.'s relief and rehabilitation program in Poland. Eight news releases have been sent to you since February, 1946. In case they did not reach you I am enclosing them with this letter.

It is perfectly true, as you suggested in your editorial, that in the period immediately following liberation sending relief to Poland was extremely difficult. In those early days, lack of banking facilities and the uncertain purchasing power of the local currency forced the J.D.C. to limit aid to Poland to shipments of food, clothing, medical supplies and other urgently needed necessities. As far back as February, 1945, long before V-E Day, urgently needed J.D.C. supplies were going into Poland. After liberation, shipments were greatly stepped up. During 1945 \$1,997,705 was appropriated by the J.D.C. to aid the Jews in that country.

In September, 1945, Dr. Schwartz, chairman of the European Executive Council of the J.C.C. visited Poland and completed arrangements for financial remittances for that unhappy land. Since that time, aid has been stepped up all along the line. Today more J.D.C. aid is going to Poland than to any other single country. In 1946 more than \$4,000,000 has already been sent in money and supplies, as you so ably stated in your columns of June 14th.

The Polish delegation, which is here in New York, has met with us repeatedly concerning the

J.D.C.'s program in Poland. Dr. Emil Sommerstein stated to the New York Jewish press on May 23rd that the only substantial help the Jews of Poland have received came from the J.D.C.

Moreover, Dr. Schwartz cabled us last week that on his departure from Poland, where he surveyed the conditions of the repatriates, the leaders of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland expressed heartiest appreciation for J.D.C. help. The message from Dr. Schwartz read: "They asked that gratitude be extended to you for the help they are receiving from the J.D.C. which is the only substantial assistance Polish Jews are receiving from abroad."

In view of the public acknowledgment which has been made of J.D.C. aid, and the releases which have gone out to you over a five months period concerning this aid, I know I can rely on you to devote as much space to publicizing J.D.C. accomplishments as you gave to J.D.C. "silence."

Thanking you for the cooperation you always gave us, I am,
Sincerely yours,
LOUIS H. SOBEL
Assistant Secretary
Joint Distribution Committee

The J.D.C. had actually spent less than \$735,000 in Poland in 1946, Dr. Sommerstein said in New York, recounting stories of dire need and starvation. The \$4,000,000 was allocated (not spent) and even the allocation was made this June after Dr. Sommerstein's visit. Mr. Sobel says in this letter that the \$4000,000 "has already been sent." The Jewish Telegraphic Agency story says "assigned" and Dr. Sommerstein's figure is less than \$800,000.

The J.D.C. has a tendency of sending out stories of huge sums spent, but when those releases are analyzed it is found that they represent several years, as in the case of Mr. Sobel's figures "from Jan. 1945" or even less honorable attempts to confuse. The Post's editorial called for the J.D.C. not to treat the American Jewish community as a baby, but to give it real facts.

SAYS REPORT UNFORTUNATE; SHOWS WHERE SOVIET AIDED JEWISH DPS

Editor The Jewish Post:

I note on Page 1 of your issue of Friday, June 21, 1946, under the caption, "Russia Sides With Arabs to Bar Palestine Entry," that you report from the proceedings of the Economic and Social Council a matter which needs considerable clarification.

You state that the Yugoslav and Ukrainian delegates of the Council voted with the Lebanese delegate in favor of preventing Jewish settlement in Palestine. I think it is unfortunate to report the matter as you have because it is completely out of context. I happened to attend all of the sessions in which the International Refugee Organization was debated by the Council. I should like to point out that the delegate from Lebanon in stating his amendment did not refer to Palestine, but made his proposal in such a way as to appeal to a similar problem which the Soviet-sphere countries were supporting in connection with Western Europe.

In all fairness, it should be reported that, on the day before the Lebanese amendment was discussed, a much more important paragraph was supported by all of the Soviet-sphere countries voting with the United States against Great Britain. In this case they voted in favor of the provision that German and Austrian Jews living in Germany and Austria should come under the provision of the International Refugee Organization and be given all help (maintenance and resettlement) by the Organization.

This provision was fought bitterly by the United Kingdom, and it was only the votes of the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and the Ukraine which carried it through the Council. From my own observation of the actual proceedings, I think that we owe a debt of gratitude to these countries for their votes on the previous day's provisions. A careful reading of the transcript of the debate on the Lebanese pro-

posal would give a much clearer picture than your brief article.

I go to the trouble of mentioning all this not because I have an ax to grind for one country or another, but I think it is time that we as Jews developed enough political sagacity on the domestic and international front to realize when we have won a victory. The type of article you have published is designed only to feed the defeatist attitude most Jews have. You have completely neglected to analyze the total results of the particular council meeting you discussed.

If you had analyzed it completely, you would find that we as Jews, and particularly our brethren in the displaced persons assembly centers of Germany, gained a considerable victory. This victory was due largely to the efforts of the American delegate, George Warren, whose honesty and forthright talk in the Council debates carried the day on all important points which affected us.

Sincerely,
DAVID R. WAHL
Kensington, Md.

This Week in Jewish History

B- HARRY CUSHING

BIRTH of Henry Mayer Phillips, Congressman and financier. A native of Philadelphia, Phillips had a varied political and financial career. He was a member of the 35th Congress and addressed the House of Representatives on the admission of Kansas into the Union under the Le Compton Constitution. In 1858 Phillips was elected grand master of the Pennsylvania State Grand Lodge of Masons and also served as treasurer of June 30, Jefferson Medical College. He was active on the boards of several railroads, the Western Union Telegraph Company, insurance institutions and financial houses. Phillips was an active member of the Sephardic Congregation Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia and took an active part in the controversy between Isaac Leeser and the congregation. It was Phillips' efforts which were largely instrumental in electing Sabato Morais as spiritual leader of the congregation in 1851. Morais lasting influence upon American Jewish religious life is of course evidenced by his founding of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Corrects Misquotation, Agrees With Praise

Editor, The Jewish Post:

My distinguished colleague Rabbi Louis I. Newman, in his letter to the editor of The Post in last week's issue, ascribes to Dr. Theodor Herzl the dictum, "Through Zionism to Judaism."

This is an incorrect version of Dr. Herzl's famous statement. What the founder of modern Zionism really said is, "The return to Zion must be preceded by our return to Judaism" (see "Twenty Centuries of Jewish Thought," edited by Dr. A. Lichtfeld, London 1938, page 164). Because of the significance of both author and statement I feel that it should be quoted correctly.

Incidentally I am happy to endorse heartily everything which Rabbi Newman said about the book reviews of Dr. Theodore Lewis which appear in The Post. These essays represent probably the most important feature of your journal. They are written with vigor and thorough grasp of Jewish history and current happenings and they aim to import to American Jewry that which we need most in these days of confusion, namely, self-knowledge and self-respect. I know that I voice the sentiment of many readers when I thank you for featuring Dr. Lewis' articles.

S. FELIX MENDELSON
Rabbi
Temple Beth Israel
Chicago, July 1, 1946.

CHARGE of Host Desecration at Paris. Among the various anti-Jewish manifestations during the Middle Ages were charges brought against Jews from time to time that they had desecrated the host of wafers used in the church ritual. "Proof" of such desecration was indicated by the appearance of clots of blood on the wafer. Actually, these so-called blood clots appear even today on church wafers. They are micrococcus prodigious, which can appear on any stale food, especially bread, left in a damp place. A Jew named Jonathan was accused with his wife of having "tortured" the sacred host, which in the eyes of the accusers was equivalent to torturing the body of Christ. The couple was burned at the stake and their home was razed. The "Miracle of the Rue des Billettes" commemorating the incident is celebrated to this day in the churches of Paris each year.

CREATION of the Anglo-Jewish Association. The Franco-German War of 1870 interrupted the activities of the Alliance Israelite Universelle. As a result a group of English Jewish leaders began to organize a similar body in England. The organization was formally instituted at a public meeting on July 2, 1871. Within a year, branches of the association were established in 1871 Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham, and support was also indicated by Jewish leaders in other parts of the British Empire. The Anglo-Jewish Association was the parent body of the Russo-Jewish Committee of 1882, and of the Joint Foreign Committee of 1878. The association has sponsored an extensive Jewish educational program and has been in the forefront defending Jewish rights.

LAST Political Disability Removed for Jews of Germany. While in former days the people had opposed the emancipation of the Jews, in 1867 the municipal board of various cities in Mecklenburg petitioned the reichstag for it. The movement came to a climax after July 3, the formation of the 1869 North German Confederation, when King William of Prussia, signed the document on July 3, 1869. With the passage of this law and its insertion in the constitution of the German Empire in 1871, the last political disability resting on the Jews of Mecklenburg, as on Jews throughout the empire was removed. Thus German Jewry enjoyed emancipation in Germany until the institution of the series of Nazi anti-Jewish laws begun in 1933.

MARTYRDOM of Isabel Nunez Alvarez. She and her husband, Miguel Rodriguez, were the owners of a synagogue situated in the Calle de los Infantes, in Madrid, where Marranos secretly met for prayer. The couple was arrested July 4, and condemned by the 1632 Inquisition to die at the stake on the ground that they were "Judaizantes" or secret confessors of Judaism. The synagogue in which they sponsored services was torn down upon the orders of the Inquisition, and upon its site a Capuchin monastery was subsequently erected.

TELLS OF PARLE YCALLED TO ANSWER HOODLUMS WHO DISRUPTED ZIONIST MEET

Editor, The Jewish Post,

More than twenty civic organizations led by the American Veterans Committee and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States held an open street protest meeting on June 26th at 8:00 p.m. on the corner of Eastern Parkway and Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. This meeting was called as an answer to the three hoodlums and their gangs who disrupted a meeting of a young Zionist group on June 16th, and had beaten several Jewish children and desecrated the American flag.

Here was an aroused Jewish youth who had come to this meeting prepared to deal and counteract any attempt to destroy their civic liberties and had dedicated themselves to protect their American rights. This time, the American flag would not be desecrated! This time, the women and children would not be molested! And, this time, the Fascists, as their predecessors in Germany and elsewhere in the world today would have to fight their way through a body of citizens prepared for the challenge.

I was among one of these protective corps. I saw the recognizable foes of Americanism quickly enveloped, cut off in pockets and removed from the meeting—not entirely through direct violence, but by the knowledge that "what's the use, the community is ready for us." I saw the beautiful eager faces and clenched fists of young men with discharge buttons in their lapels who knew deep within themselves that they had never been discharged from the war against

Fascism, and that as far as they were concerned, that war continues.

I saw virulent Jewish youth standing firm, and as one who has participated in many communal affairs and has come to depreciate the assimilatory tendencies among our Jewish youth, I was amazed and relieved. I saw the storm of resentment arise within brawny muscles and overtake a sailor who strode into the meeting and in a seemingly premeditated assault, shouted choice innuendoes at the speakers and at the audience. There was no time wasted. A smashing blow sent him reeling, and only for the intervention of the police did he escape in a mobile condition.

This day, June 27th, 1946, marks a turning point in the battle of America against the Fascist, hoodlums, dupes, loons and their kinsmen. The young Jew, whether he comes from a synagogue or a poolroom, has recognized the implications to himself and to American democracy of the criminal assaults leveled against all good people everywhere on that afternoon of June 16th, and he is prepared to answer back in kind.

This meeting of June 26th, 1946, may well serve as a pattern of action for any people who are molested in their civic rights by the lunatic fringe which is striving to club all decencies and the basic American freedoms into the crematoriums of dictatorship. The Fascists have had their notice. America is ready, advance at your own risk!

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U. S. Jews Defeatists, Flee From People; Weakened By Fear, Selfhate

Rabbi Morton M. Berman Attacks Misdirected Good-Will Movements, Calls for Code of Observance in Sermon to Reform Rabbis

By RABBI M. M. BERMAN

LIKE other Rabbis who have been away from their communities in the service of our country, I have returned to discover that I had mistakenly idealized American Jewry. Distance had lent enchantment. I had visualized the community back home more inwardly sure of itself, stronger in its faith in Jewish values, and more hopeful of a better future for itself and the world.

I have returned to find that it had only been a dream, for I have discovered that American Jewry is filled with a mood of defeat rather than of victory. It is not a mood peculiar to Jews alone, for it is shared by many American non-Jews. In our case, however, it is more depressing, a more devastating condition of frustration in which we find ourselves because of our two-fold nature as Americans and as members of a special fellowship of tradition and destiny, the Jewish people.

We have experienced with non-Jews the violent collapse of our modern faith in the automatic progress which science had so earnestly promised would lead us by itself to a brave, new world. Professor William A. Orton has poignantly described the resulting defeatist mood in "The Challenge of Christian Liberalism." "Courage and confidence are today at a very low ebb. As a nation, we feel neither joy nor security in our recent victory; we are appalled rather than assured by our own might, scared of our gigantic shadow. . . . So we continue building our lethal stockpile, feeling that science has betrayed humanity, and yet knowing no other shrine at which to worship."

Jews' Idolatry Intense

Though Jews came late to the worship of science, they made up speedily for their tardiness by the intensity of their idolatry. Their very hope for political freedom rested upon the premise that scientific knowledge would guarantee progress in every realm of human aspiration and human endeavor. Jews shared with non-Jews the infinite trust that the new knowledge would not only free mankind of its physical deprivations, its discomfits and its drudgeries, but would also bring to it the blessing of freedom and justice and peace by removing the causes which have made these long dreamed of goals unattainable. But science did not remove these causes; instead it increased the great concentrations of wealth and power and force in the hands of the few who still hold the masses of mankind at their mercy.

Science made life physically more comfortable, but it fashioned at the same time the devices to destroy not only the things which it had beneficently produced but mankind itself. Its crowning achievement is the atomic bomb. This product has not only smashed the cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, it threatens to smash all the hopes of mankind for the world's survival.

What is the awful truth that Jews and Christians have learned at so great a price of pain and heartbreak. "The truth is," as Professor Trueblood has told us in "The Predicament of Modern Man," "that our wisdom about ends does not match our ingenuity about means, and this situation if it continues may be sufficient to destroy us. Because of lack of moral direction, what might have been a blessing becomes a terrible curse."

When Jews interpret the cal-

lous, cruel treatment of their people against the background of a machine-like world, without soul or conscience, it is enough to paralyze them with terror. Jewry had dared to believe that victory would not immediately bring to an end the long struggle to achieve an equal place for Jews as individuals in the lands where they dwelt and equal justice for Jews as a people in the councils of the nations, victory would at least help to set the stage for such action on the part of a government as would ultimately bring to pass Israel's dreams for even-handed justice everywhere.

World Won't Aid Jews

Jews see no significant signs to reassure them that the nations are prepared to realize this hope. Of course, the world will again charge our long suffering people with impatience as Ernest Bevin has basely and vilely done. But our people are asking: "How long can a people remain patient while a million and more Jews—homeless, destitute, unwanted—languish, or die as many do, in misery, in terror, and in despair?" "How long can Jews be patient while it is witness to the cruel delay, the heartless indifference, the base manipulation of a government which blocks the carrying out of the recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry for the immediate rescue of 100,000 Jews from displaced persons centers by providing them with an opportunity to rebuild their lives in Eretz Israel?" "How long can Jews be patient while Jews are maltreated even in the American military zone by Nazis whose hands are stained with Jewish blood or while Jews are murdered by anti-Semites in Poland or Hungary?" "How long can a people which counts the loss of six million murdered souls avoid the feeling of defeat after so immeasurable a price has been paid for victory and so little justice received in return?" "How long, O Lord, will Thou forget me forever?"

To American Jewry's anxiety over the tragic plight of its people in Europe is joined the growing disappointment over the failure of our own country to carry into peace the national unity which the war effort and sacrifice helped to create. The startlingly swift resurgence here of anti-Semitism, anti-Negroism, sectionalism, factionalism, isolationism, and industrial strife, is not a portent of the peaceful order in which Jewish life can be safe. They have too often in their history been compelled to play the role of the scapegoat, not to be disturbed by the appearance of the signs which suggest that the conditions which have in the past imposed that role upon them may be in the making. Their presence increases American Jewry's defeatist mood.

Many Jews Repudiate Selves What deepens the mood of frustration on the part of many Jews is the recognition of the fact that not a few gave up all or so very much in order to achieve political liberty.

Some Jews repudiated all but the worship of God. But these served Him in ways that were so completely strange to our tradition that their preachers often claimed that they felt themselves closer to Christian Unitarians than to orthodox Jews. What those who reduced their Judaism to religion alone failed to realize was that central and supremely important as religion may be to our inher-

tance, our religion without the study of the Torah, without the practice of mitzvot, without the observance of customs and ceremonies, without consciousness of the peoplehood of Israel and sharing of its hopes becomes idle spirituality which soon evaporates.

While the Jew was reinforced by the conviction that God, Torah and Israel were one, our people were capable of converting every defeat of the past into a victory. While the Jew believed in the God of Israel he could not doubt the ultimate triumph of justice. While he studied his Torah and practiced its mitzvot, his faith in God and in himself were renewed. While he lived his people's life and dreamed his people's dream of national redemption, he remained inwardly strong with that strength that grows out of sharing a people's common past, its common present, and its common destiny. Cut off from their God, their Torah, their people, there are Jews now who feel themselves abandoned. Their faith is shattered. Their patience drained. Their mood is that of defeat. They sowed a wind and reaped a whirlwind.

Only U.S. Jews Discouraged

But this mood which I describe as defeatist is strikingly more characteristic of the rich, powerful, physically unhurt American Jewish community than it is of the mass of the physically crushed and broken Jews in the displaced persons centers of Europe. This is not my own testimony. It is the testimony of many, including one like Judge Simon Rifkind, who witnesses to the fact that Hitler did not win the war against the Jews in the displacement centers. I quote him:

"It was not true that Hitler had won the war against the Jews. True, he multiplied their casualties, decimated their ranks, demolished their institutions, exterminated their leaders; but his war he did not win. He did not win because today in Germany and Austria there are 100,000 Jews who have the courage to endure, who are determined to live as Jews, who are prepared to pioneer again and create again a Jewish civilization. I cannot overemphasize it that in Central Europe we have not a body of derelict beneficiaries of charity but a brigade of free men, united by common memories and fired by a common aspiration to live again as a people."

It is the indomitable will to live as Jews that keeps these survivors from being spiritually crushed by their tragic experience. It was the will to live that made the remnant of our people capable of surviving through its long, blood-stained but glorious history.

The presence of the will to live explains also the ability of the Yishuv in Palestine to bear up under every foul political blow struck at its hopes. Jews who have learned how to die for a great cause will not cringe before any edict of a foreign minister or the threat of war declared or undeclared. They will stand fast in their loyalty to their ideal. They will continue to plant their fields, to build their cities, to restore Jewish life and to make it richly creative once again. Such Jews will not be defeated because they know that Israel's just cause must, under God, ultimately be crowned with victory.

It is the absence of this will to live as Jews in so many American Jews that makes them

easy victims to the afflictions of the defeatist mood. In a defeatist mood enhanced by fear and self-hate, some Jews will continue to flee from their people as they have fled before—those Jews who think they can escape their destiny as Jews through "integration" in the general community by the use of one or another of the self-negating devices that the last hundred years have produced. But a sick world that so desperately needs sound and healthy-minded men and women will not be eager to welcome sick Jewish souls.

Materialism Wrong Answer

Others who lose the will to live as Jews will escape in the mad rush for material things. They will delude themselves into believing that wealth and the power derived therefrom will make them safe. They will cling to the delusion that automatic progress is assured by the piling up of means only to discover too late to save themselves from catastrophe that means can only save them they are directed to the service of God and humanity. Many Jews have already adopted the materialist way as their way of life. It is everywhere about us in American Jewish life—this vulgar, selfish, ruthless struggle for material things and their sensual indulgence.

These defeatist times must challenge us as leaders in Israel to renew the will of our people to live by restoring in them a sense of the worthwhileness of Judaism as a way of life. Never have Jews been so in need of the ministry that you and I can bring to them to bind up their spiritual wounds. Never before was it so urgent to summon our people to the reacceptance of Judaism as a way of life for themselves and a way of salvation for our world.

To achieve the most effective results we need to set in proper order those elements which constitute the Jewish way of life. It is obvious that those factors which give positive strength to the Jewish will to live must be given priority. Unfortunately, we have permitted the lesser elements to become the chief object of our interest, our loyalty, and our endeavor. These are for the most part remedial or ameliorative, or just plain negative in character and purpose, philanthropy and good will and civic defense and anti-defamation. These matters absorb disproportionately, and at times wastefully, our time and our energy, leaving too often no time or strength for those elements which are basically essential to dignified, meaningful, purposeful Jewish living.

Often these peripheral activities confuse the Jewish mind and weaken the Jew's eagerness to preserve his distinctive inheritance. I refer, by way of example, to that kind of inter-faith work which negates the distinctive character of the Jewish religion by the persistent identification of Judaism and Christianity. The increasingly frequent effort to prove Judaism and Christianity to be basically alike removes for many Jews who can only think of Judaism as a religion and nothing else any reason for the perpetuation of their inheritance.

Hits Rabbi Finkelstein

The view that there is no need to preserve Judaism as a distinct tradition receives support by declarations in high places of Jewish learning that "the two religions are truly, basically one." The attitude that nothing signi-

ficant divides Jews and Christians is corroborated by the program of a seminary president who makes it possible for zealous Christian Protestants to use Jewish halls of learning to appeal to Jews to follow "Abraham's greatest son," that is, Jesus, or enables Jesuit priests to bring to Jews the dogmas of the one and only "true faith."

The damage resulting from a misdirected good-will movement which has produced the new religion of benevolence lies not only in its inducement of the loss of awareness of the distinctive, unique character of our own tradition, the damage lies also in the excessive expenditure of time, energy and zeal that go into such a movement. The latter is true of all the other more or less useful peripheral interests which our people make central to Jewish life since they too draw off the maximum of effort and enthusiasm for the work of agencies and organizations which do no more, if they do it at all, than defend our position against outward attack and leave the minimum for the Synagogue, the one institution which has historically been capable of providing Jews with a sense of inner security and a feeling of the worthwhileness of being Jews.

Only Hope Is Synagogue

The Synagogue is the only agency which is capable of providing Jews with those elements which constitute the positive way of Jewish living. These elements have been broadly indicated in "The Guiding Principles of Reform Judaism" adopted at the Columbus Conference in 1937. The broad design for Jewish living projected in these Principles includes the worship of the one God and adherence to His moral law, the study of the Torah and Jewish education, the practice of mitzvot and the observance of customs and ceremonies, the use of Hebrew and the cultivation of distinctive forms of arts and music, allegiance to the people of Israel and dedication to the task of re-establishing a Jewish homeland in Eretz Israel.

In a large sense, it was a revolutionary program since the Principles restored to the complex of Jewish life much that the founders of Reform had excluded. The details of the program for Jewish life are not exhaustively or definitely fixed in The Guiding Principles, but they provide a pattern rich enough in suggestion to point the way to immunize Jews against the ravages of doubt and disillusion which today attack the Jewish spirit and, further, to make them eager to live again as Jews creatively and purposefully.

How far have we gone in our synagogues toward leading our people to the way of life outlined by The Guiding Principles? The present widespread defeatist temper of our people would suggest that we have not gone far. Some of the causes in and outside of Jewish life which account for the little progress we have made have already been indicated. But there is one additional cause which we have no right to gloss over. That cause is in ourselves as Rabbis. Many of us have been rendered incapable of the full service to which we have been consecrated by our own doubts and misgivings and hesitations. We have absorbed something of the defeatist spirit from the general and Jewish atmosphere.

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Absence In U. S. Of Will To Live As Jews Flayed By Rabbi Berman

Neutrality of Reform Jews When Fate of Palestine In Balance Called Lack of Self Respect

(Continued from Preceding Page) rabbinate, let me read to you this paragraph from a letter which I received from one who begs to remain unnamed but whose judgment in this matter is unchallengeable:

"Your own words about reconsecration and the need of giving our people a sense of hope touched me profoundly because I am faced almost daily with this task. Ever so many of the men who are in the rabbinate come to my office in a discouraged mood and I have to give them encouragement. I do not know how to account for it but there seems to be a terrifying amount of dissatisfaction in the rabbinate. I hope that it is a sign of fermentation rather than disintegration."

The time has come for taking stock. We are under obligation in these troubled days to ask ourselves how far have we gone to chart our people's way of life. There can be no hope for our people unless we help them to find faith in God, as the Principles tell us, in "the one living God who rules the world through law and love." Do we perform this function adequately?

Avoid God In Sermons

Milton Steinberg has made the accurate observation that "Jewish preaching, as is notorious among those who know it at all, tends to shy away from theology." There is a marked hesitancy on the part of many of us to deal with God and His ways in our sermons. It has been suggested that this is due to our reluctance to preach unpopular messages for what are called "practical reasons." I will not deal with that aspect of the matter here. I should like to indicate a more profound reason for the lack of religious themes in our preaching. That reason is to be found in our present feeling of the inadequacy of the arguments that we had been in the habit of mustering to prove that there is a God.

So many of us had leaned almost exclusively upon the conclusions of reason or the discoveries of science for our trust in God. The prophets to whom we had turned for guidance were many, but they were not always the prophets of Israel. They were more often the prophets of every philosophic system which the recent centuries have produced. We substituted for the truths of the Torah the truths of philosophy, sociology, psychology and ethics which had come under the impact of modern thought that ran the whole gamut from rationalism to logical positivism and instrumentalism.

We were like the four men who "ascended into Paradise, Ben Azzai, Ben Zoma, Acher, and Rabbi Akiba. Rabbi Akiba said to them: 'When you arrive at the stones of pure marble, do not exclaim: Water, water!' Ben Azzai gazed and died; Ben Zoma gazed and became demented; Acher cut the plants; Rabbi Akiba departed in peace." Only Akiba knew how to walk in the paradise of philosophical speculation and come out without loss of faith in God. How many of us have been able to walk in the paradise of modern thought and come out whole in our faith?

We are now under the inescapable necessity if we are to help ourselves no less than our people to go to the Torah and to the experience of our people to learn how we may know that there is a God. We shall discover there that the reasons of the heart are more convincing for the proof of God than those of the mind or the telescope or the laboratory.

"The fool hath said in his heart: 'There is no God.' The wise man

knows that there is because he feels His presence in his heart. Not by any syllogism but by a deep hunger for God was God discovered by our people. He felt God. Relieving the experiences of his people in the numberless ways our Jewish tradition provides confirmed that faith, as Franz Rosenzweig has told us. The Jew saw God revealed in every triumph over defeat, and there have been many in his long history. Even in defeat the Jew saw God revealed. "This too is for the good." This is the manner of faith that the Synagogue must convey to our people that it may be made strong to turn the present defeat into another victory for Israel.

Live In Moral Aimlessness

Together with all other peoples Jewry has lived and moved about in moral aimlessness through the years when it was optimistically held that automatic progress would lead it to a better world. If our people is to be guided towards that better world of justice and peace, it must be taught, to quote The Principles, "to strive after holiness, righteousness and goodness." Unfortunately, many of us seem to have lost the prophetic gift of dealing with moral issues in direct and absolute terms. How ready are we to denounce with the forthrightness characteristic of Amos dishonesty in business practice, black-market violation, exploitation of workers, mistreatment of the members of other minorities? And are ready with equal directness to commend to our people the practice of compassion and forgiveness. We need to be reminded of the thought of Micah that God requires of us not only justice, but mercy and walking humbly before Him.

Our people have not been slow to adopt the deterministic moral dogmas from our popular sociology and psychology. Here our people discover a variety of comfortable excuses for their failures, as Professor Orton has pointed out, "You can blame according to the school of your choice either the 'environment' or the 'culture,' or your genes, hormones and chromosomes; or that poor old scapegoat, the 'subconscious'—you can blame, in short, almost anything except yourself because you have been taught that you really have no self."

Have No Moral Standards

By our neglect to emphasize the absolute standards of morality to be found in our Torah, we have not helped to prevent our people from acceptance of the moral relativism of our day, which, as John Haynes has said in his Meadville Theological School address, recognizes no "standards that hold from place to place, or values that endure from time to time, through all eternity. There are today only situations and conduct which vary in relation to the character and impact of these situations." The plumb-line of the prophet Amos is missing in the lives of modern men and women.

Dr. Holmes tells us also what dire effect the philosophy of moral relativism has had upon contemporary pulpit utterance. "Is it not plain that it has stripped such utterance of its dignity, robbed it of its power, and denuded it of its authority? For in a universe of shifting standards, and no values at all, these qualities of great preaching are as debased as a paper currency without a gold reserve. . . . The pulpit had dignity, let me tell you, when it declared, 'Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good.' The pulpit had power when it prophesied, 'The wages of sin is death.' The pulpit had authority

when it dared to say, 'Thus saith the Lord.'"

We must turn our people from the relative norms of our times to the absolute standards drawn from the pattern of God's own conduct. "Ye shall be holy; for I, the Lord your God, am holy." By these absolute standards alone can our world endure. The world has paid an immeasurable price to learn this truth. It is our duty as rabbis to help our people understand this costly lesson through which the world may be spared the disaster that the universal loss of moral direction prepares for it.

The Principles inform us that "the perpetuation of Judaism as a living force depends upon religious knowledge and upon the education of each new generation in our rich, cultural and spiritual heritage." Liberal Judaism will not be perpetuated for long in America unless there is some radical change in our program of Jewish education. Such a program will have to provide our children with more than an hour or two per week of Jewish study.

But the study of the Torah in its largest sense must not be limited to children as it is for the most part today. Our youth and our adult Jews require instruction in the Torah if they are to be strengthened in their religious and moral attitudes, stimulated to practice mitzvot and maasim tovim, and reinforced in their loyalty to their people and its hopes.

Need for Jewish Knowledge

The need for knowledge of our religion, our history, our culture, becomes a desperate one for men and women whose morale has been crushed. There is no greater defense against the slander that the Jewish heritage is not only worthless but dangerous than an appreciation of that heritage with its glorious account of Israel's struggle to find God, his battles for freedom, his infinite sacrifices for the truth, his defeats turned into triumphs by faith and patience and dedication to the service of God and man. There is no other therapy for the sick Jewish soul than in the awareness of its people's past achievements and of its present resources for adding new ones to them.

We have not given ourselves completely to this task of teaching as the needs demanded of us. We give too much of our time to too many causes outside of the Synagogue, some worthy and some unworthy. We must continue to prepare ourselves for the giving of instruction if that function is to be performed with sufficient frequency and sufficient effectiveness to help our people know why they are Jews and how they may strengthen their will to live as Jews. If our congregations are not prepared to make our double role of servant of the community and rabbi of the congregation an equally effective one by giving us all the help that we need to carry on both roles, then we shall have to make the decision of becoming teachers primarily and communal workers secondary. This is the age of specialization.

No less helpful than learning and study as means for the fortification of the Jew's faith and the stimulation of his will to do good deeds are the disciplines of Jewish life—prayer and religious practices and observances. The Guiding Principles emphasize the need of these disciplines:

"To deepen the spiritual life of our people, we must cultivate the traditional habit of communion with God through prayer in both home and Synagogue. . . . Judaism

as a way of life requires in addition to its moral and spiritual demands, the preservation of the Sabbath, festivals, and Holy Days, retention and development of such customs, symbols and ceremonies as possess inspirational value, the cultivation of distinctive forms of religious art and music and the use of Hebrew, together with the vernacular in our worship and instruction."

Need Code of Discipline

In these trying days filled with uncertainty for our people, the religious disciplines can serve as effective means to the rebuilding of their morale. These disciplines have the power to restore to the Jew a sense of kinship with God, for they are reminders of the providential role that He filled in their people's life throughout the ages. They help the Jew to relive his history which has always provided a vital source of support for his faith. The ritual practices and ceremonial observances give the Jew a sense of rootage in his people's past, an awareness which the Jew needs so urgently now when he feels himself alone and weak because of his rootlessness.

The observances not only give us a sense of rootage in the past, they fill us with a fortifying sense of union with all other Jews of our time who engage in these practices. George Foot Moore, in his great work on Judaism, points out that the worship in which a community participates and the observances shared by its membership are bonds that unite the community. The feeling of unbroken relationship with our past and present which can be nurtured by the use of our symbols, our ritual practices, and our ceremonial observances is a necessary condition for the survival of the Jewish people and its inheritance.

Liberal Judaism has made some progress in the restoration of ceremonies and customs in the Synagogue and a little, but very little, in the home. The members of this Conference have had considerable help in this matter from the Union's present position on ceremonies, from the materials prepared by the Committee on Ceremonies, and from the invaluable thinking and writing of men like Dr. Freethof. For all this we must indeed be grateful.

But we shall never achieve the broad acceptance by our congregants of the regimen of religious practice and observance as a part of their way of life until the rabbis working through our Conference reach a formal understanding upon the basic elements of that regimen and assent to their introduction into our synagogues and homes. This will require the formulation of a code and the authorization of its use by this body. The preparation of such a code need not imply the surrender of the privilege of further modification to meet future need for change or creativity.

Rabbis' Timidity To Blame

Historically the rabbis have been recognized by the people as its judges qualified to determine what should and what should not be included as part of the way of Jewish life. By our own timidity, however, in exercising this authority vested in us as Israel's teachers and judges we have diminished the respect on the part of our people for that authority. The failure on our part to prepare a code and encourage its acceptance creates a situation in which a rabbi serving a congregation on one corner is called Orthodox when he follows the recommendations of the Conference and customs and the rabbi serving a

congregation two squares away continues to bear the title of Reform though he takes no heed of them. This is an unhealthy condition which in the end can only confuse our congregants and make them feel that we ourselves do not understand what Liberal Judaism demands of us. What can be the future of Liberal Judaism if there be so much lawlessness in it? We reject much of the Halachah, but what do we offer in its place? "Let each man do as he pleases."

This is typical of the period of the Judges when every man did what was right in his own eyes.

Our movement must establish a clear pattern of Jewish religious practice and say: "This is the way." There will be some men who will continue to insist upon freedom to do as they please. But there is a time for liberty and a time for authority, as Dr. Samuel Schulman pointed out at the 1937 Conference: "In time of excessive authority, liberty must assert itself. In our time of excessive liberty, some form of authority must be reestablished." That authority must be exercised now in the realm of religious practices if our people are to know what use to make of these tested means for the rebuilding of their morale and their will to live.

The basic way of Jewish life further requires the recognition of the peoplehood of Israel and of our obligation to advance its interests and fulfill its hopes. The Conference gave ample proof in 1937 of its awareness of the nature of Jews as members of a people, when its formulation of "The Guiding Principles" made room for Jews estranged from their religious tradition along with those "held together by ties of common history, and, above all, by the heritage of faith." This definition may justly be considered a repudiation of the statement expressed by the Pittsburgh Platform that "we consider ourselves no longer a nation, but a religious community."

Reform For Homeland

But "The Guiding Principle" on Israel not only offers recognition of the peoplehood of Israel, it affirms the obligation of all Jewry to aid in the rebuilding of Palestine "as a Jewish homeland by endeavoring to make it not only a haven of refuge for the oppressed but also as a center of Jewish cultural and spiritual life." The Conference thus rejected the concept of the divorce of Israel from its home in Eretz Israel as promulgated in the Pittsburgh

Unfortunately, the Conference did not make itself clear in 1937 on the nature of the homeland. It was motivated presumably in substituting the phrase of "a Jewish homeland" for Balfour's phrase of a "National Home for the Jewish people" by a desire to retain that position of neutrality toward Zionism that it had adopted in 1935 in this city of Chicago and which position it has reaffirmed at other conferences since that date.

Since 1935 there has been ample proof that a clarification of the concept of a Jewish homeland more consistent with the rights and hopes of our people could have been democratically achieved in this Conference and made part of its Principles if there had not been so much eagerness on the part of its membership to be polite and preserve the peace. But as far as I am concerned, we have through our neutrality only preserved the peace of Munich and failed to serve our people as we might have if we had declared

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ASKS U. S. JEWS TO BE TRUE TO SELVES AND TRADITION

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ourselves with clarity and firmness on the nature of the homeland to which it is justly entitled.

Must Be For Commonwealth

Must we still content ourselves as a Conference with no reassuring an affirmation as that there is no fundamental incompatibility between Reform Judaism and Zionism, when the fate of the second largest Jewish community in the world, comprising more than six hundred thousand valiant souls, hangs in the balance, when the hope of a million and more homeless, unwanted Jews for renewed life in their own home stands in danger of rejection, and when all the heroic effort toward the solution of the problem of our people's homelessness is in the process of liquidation. Can this Conference in this desperate hour for our people refrain, in all justice and self respect, from saying to those who have built a homeland for themselves and for the homeless of our people and who now give their lives in defense of it: "We demand justice for you by declaring that yours is the right to establish a free, democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine." "Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and they that return her with righteousness."

What a horrid pang mixed of shame and pain there came to me in the heart of the Pacific, where I saw young men fighting and dying for the freedom of all peoples and their rights to build or rebuild their states, when I learned that this Conference had shown itself intent upon retaining its neutrality on the issue of our people's right to a Commonwealth in its own land.

Dr. Phillipson could have told you what course the Conference had the right to pursue. For did not Dr. Phillipson in the Conference of 1918, held also in Chicago, call upon its membership to repudiate Zionism by expressing its disapproval of the Balfour Declaration, regardless of individual differences of opinion on the subject in this body. Dr. Phillipson said then: "When an organization acts as an organization, the loyal members of that organization will stand by the action of that body in convention assembled. Individually, a member may agree or disagree with the action taken, but after all, the action represents the action of the organization. When Congress takes certain action, it is the action of Congress even though a minority may dissent. And I feel that this should especially be stated in view of the fact that the Zionists are carrying on active propaganda trying to create the impression that they represent the view of practically all the Jews of America. It is true, we have here some sincere Zionists, but we also have a greater number of non-Zionists."

This was Dr. Phillipson's genuinely democratic interpretation of the right of the Conference to express itself as an authoritative body in Jewish life. So it did in 1918, speaking then clearly and firmly against the Balfour Declaration and the right of the Jewish people to establish a National Jewish Homeland. This Conference must speak now with equal clarity and firmness for the establishment of the National Jewish Homeland on the basis of the right which has been legally and morally recognized by the nations of the world. That decision must be made if faith and hope are to be restored to the crushed and rejected of our people and if resolution and moral support are to be given to the gallant, fearless

defenders of the Jewish Homeland. That decision must be made if our own sense of justice and self-respect is not to be lost to us. That decision must be made if liberal Rabbis are not to be judged as a body to have withdrawn themselves from Klal Yisrael and to have denied the right and hope of our people for its redemption.

Should Drop Neutrality

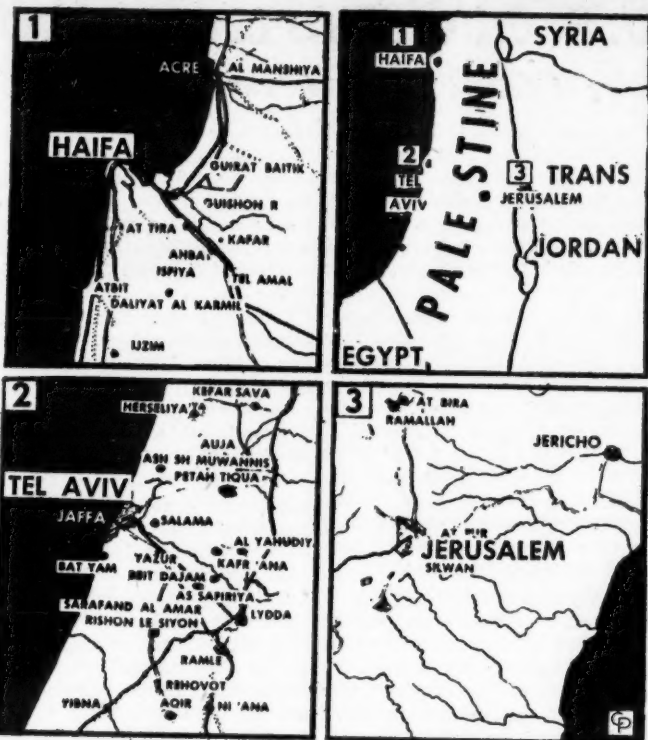
Our movement cannot fail American Jewry in its defeatist mood any more than it can fail world Jewry in its great hour of testing. The mass of our congregants feels itself part of Klal Yisrael; it suffers the pain of its tragic plight; it feels the hurt of injustice done to it; it dies a new death with the death of every Jew who perishes in the hell of Europe or on the barricades in Palestine. This Conference can help strengthen the faith and rebuild the morale of American Jewry by affirming the right of the Jewish people to establish in Palestine a free democratic Commonwealth. Thus we shall also demonstrate that the will of this Conference is not paralyzed by neutrality but alive to serve and lead our people in these hopeless days.

But the decision we must make goes beyond the self-interest of our people. It involves the moral obligation to speak out against injustice everywhere and not to give assent by silence to the immorality of governments which break their pledges, violate their contracts, deny established rights and the freedom of the weaker peoples. Our action here is only part of the chosen role which Jews must continue to play in our world.

The Guiding Principles do not intend that Jews withdraw themselves from service to all mankind in the process of building up their own Jewish way of life either in America or Palestine or elsewhere. The Guiding Principles do not envisage a return to the Ghetto. They do envisage the strengthening of the Jew Jewishly so that he may be prepared by all that his inheritance gives him to be of greater service to his fellowmen. They do recognize that the Jew who comes to serve the world must come, if he is to serve it well, as a sound, wholesome personality, inwardly integrated through faith in his God, through conformance with the moral law, through knowledge of his Torah and his people's history, through reinforcement of the spirit by religious discipline, and through sharing in his people's life and hopes, which includes the hope of a Jewish National Homeland in the erms that we have described.

The Guiding Principles recognize too that every American Jew must feel that his first loyalty goes to America. This we reaffirm in peace as we did in war pledging our lives and our fortunes to the protection of its highest interests. America will welcome our fullest participation in its life all the more because we become true to ourselves and true to our Jewish way of life. Together with all Americans we shall strive to establish the reign of freedom and justice and peace which will never permit the heart of the Jew or his fellowmen to be emptied again of faith or hope or courage.

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Maps of Trouble Zones Shown

Despite the retention of 2,000 persons in the largest mass arrest in the history of Palestine, the Jewish resistance movement appeared still active. The above maps, show the centers of trouble. Map 1 is a close-up of the Haifa area, in which one of the largest Jewish settlements is at Mt. Carmel. There an arms and ammunition cache was seized. Map 2 shows the Tel Aviv section where curfew laws are in force and troops took over the General Federation of Jewish Labor. Map 3 shows the Jerusalem zone where the big round-ups have been staged. Map in upper right, shows locations of these areas in Palestine.

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coe and neighboring communities.

Channing Montgomery, a Winnetka school teacher, is chairman of this committee, which includes clergymen, business and professional people and civic leaders. A mass meeting probably will be called soon to intensify the protest, Rabbi Shulman said.

Discount Police Excuse

While officials of the Glencoe police department have attributed the attack to juvenile pranksters, Rabbi Shulman said that "the committee has refused to accept this explanation."

Sergt. Arthur Pantle, who was assigned by Police Chief Erwin Moeller to investigate the desecration, announced late Tuesday night that he still believed youngsters were responsible. He said that half a dozen teen-age suspects who have been involved in similar incidents have been questioned, and that the inquiry will continue.

He said he was confident that the vandals will be found and the case will be cleared up. In the meantime, a nightly watch is being kept on the temple. When those responsible are found, Sergt. Pantle insisted, "They will prove" to be not over 15 years old. He said he based his belief on the fact that in two sim-

ilar incidents, occurring within a few days after defacement of the temple, several boys were seen nearby, about the same time, but no arrests were observed by those reporting the occurrences.

Other incidents, which occurred during the day-time, involved scrawlings with yellow chalk, on the sidewalk in one instance, and on a garage in the other. The symbols and words were similar to those left on the temple, Sergt. Pantle said.

Synagogue's Walls Collapse; Scrolls Safe

NEW YORK—The scrolls of the Wolkowisker Schule here, an orthodox Polish synagogue at 28 Pike street, were safe after the walls of the building collapsed. A woman and her three-year-old grandson were believed buried in the ruins, but it turned out that they could flee in time. The cause of the collapse was undetermined.

McNeill Defeats Seymour Greenberg

NEW YORK—Seymour Greenberg, twice national clay court champion from Chicago, was defeated by Don McNeill of Orange, N. J., in a five-set final. Fourth on the seeded list, Greenberg had McNeill on the run in the first two sets. Playing his usually steady game, the Chicagoan took full advantage as McNeill erred several times in the first two sets and early in the third.

McNeill double-fouled nine times in the first three sets. Greenberg was leading 5-3 in games and had McNeill 40-15 in the ninth game of the third set, only to see the latter pull up 4-5. The score was tied three times before McNeill managed to hold his service in the 15th game. McNeill registered a total of 81 placements against 44 for the loser.

Arabs Call For Army Against 'Aggressors'

JERUSALEM, — The recent conference of the Arab League at Bludan, Syria, proposed the formation of a combined Arab army to defend Palestine and other Arab countries against "Zionist and foreign aggression," it is reported from Bagdad.

The report says the conferees also urged that the Arab governments break off diplomatic relations with the United States and Britain, if the two countries carry out the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee.

The four-man Arab Higher Committee, meanwhile, addressed a manifesto to "the Arab nation," declaring that the sale of Arab lands to Jews was a "national crime and high treason punishable as such." The manifesto was signed by Jamal Husseini, vice-chairman of the committee, of which the Mufti is the head.

Rabbi Martin Perley Herbert Lehman Rejoins

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Chaplain Martin Perley has been chosen spiritual leader of Temple B'rith Shalom here. Chaplain Perley was Director of the Indiana University Hillel Foundation and Rabbi at Hot Springs, Ark., before going into the service.

Koestler Writes Novel On Kibbutz

NEW YORK—Arthur Koestler, renowned author, has finished a novel, "Thieves in the Night," the story of a Kibbutz in Palestine and how the political situation affected it. The book is scheduled to be published in September.

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